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Selections.

From the Dayspring.

A SLAVE FACTORY.

From the missionary station, lately commenced by the board, on the Gaboon river, Mr. Wilson has made several exploring tours, for the purpose of ascertaining the character and condition of the surrounding population. On one of these excursions, made in July, 1842, he visited King William's town, which is situated on the south side of the river, not far from its mouth. Having previously learned that there was a slave factory in that place, humanity as well as curiosity prompted him to inspect its interior. He was informed by King William, that permission must be obtained from the owner, a Spaniard, who resided in the village. Accordingly he was conducted to the abode of the individual, of whom the following description is given:

The Owner.—We found him as pitiable an object, if the thing could be possible, as the most miserable of his slaves. He was in a small room or tent, formed of mats, lying on a coat, and covered from head to foot with a loathsome, cutaneous eruption, known in this country by the name of *craw-craw*. He could speak neither English nor French; our conversation, therefore, was conducted by means of an interpreter. His first and his last inquiries, as was very natural, were designed to ascertain—how many, in the world, where we had seen them. Some of our party were disposed to prophesy smooth things; but while I had no desire to see him more miserable, I felt no disposition to allay his apprehensions, by any false hopes. He told me that he had taken four cargoes of slaves from the coast, had been captured twice; but nevertheless had realized a fortune of sixty to eighty thousand dollars. He said, also, if he could carry the slaves he then had, to Havana, he would be content to retire from trade—he seemed to arrogate to himself no little credit for this virtuous intention.

The owner readily assented to the request of Mr. Wilson, and sent one of his young men to show the premises. The following description of the factory, its position and internal arrangements of the factory, were as follows:

The Barracoon.—This is situated at the opposite side of the town, to give the owner an opportunity of secreting his slaves in an adjoining forest, in case of a surprise by a man-of-war. It is an enclosure of one acre or more, one side of which is formed by a substantial bamboo house, perhaps two hundred feet long, and eighty wide, this is the sleeping apartment of the slaves. The adjoining side is formed by a shade of similar dimensions, the two ends and inner side of which are open; this serves as a place of rendezvous during the day. The remaining two sides are formed by a double palisade, which might be easily forced by the captives, if they were not fettered and guarded day and night.

When the missionary lands upon the western coast of Africa, he finds that nominal Christians have been there for centuries. But in what capacity, for what purpose have they gone there? How much have they done to open the way for the coming effort? What have they effected in preparing the African mind for the gospel of Christ? The subjoined extract, will throw some light upon this inquiry:

Terror of the Slaves.—On our arrival at the gate, the slaves were all tasking, and making a loud and confused noise, not unlike that which is heard on entering a large menagerie. But when the gate was thrown open, and we entered, the most profound silence ensued; as we approached them, it became the silence of the grave. Every eye was fixed upon us. What were their feelings and thoughts none of course can tell; except so far as the operations of the mind, might be inferred from the expression of the countenance. Many of them had never seen a white man before, except the one who had bought them; and some had not even seen him. Most of them had imagined that they were to be devoured by the whites. They suppose that the kindness which is shown them in the barracoon, is prompted by the same feeling which leads to the fatting of the slaughter. When we entered, many may have thought that a victim was to be selected or that the time of their embarkation was at hand; and in that very moment they may have yielded up the last lingering hope of being restored to their kindred and their homes.

The appearance of these miserable beings, together with the hardships and privations which they suffer, may be inferred from that portion of the narrative which follows.

General Appearance.—Among the slaves, were persons of both sexes, from five to forty years of age. Some of them were smoking; and I was told that they had a small allowance of tobacco. Not one of the number, of whatever age or sex, had any covering. A few of them appeared to be light-hearted and frivolous, in despite of their chains; the countenances of others, showed that they were sunk almost to a state of idiocy. But most of them appeared thoughtful, pensive, and melancholy.

Condition during the Day.—With the exception of some twenty or thirty invalids, all were secured on logs laid lengthwise, and about three feet apart, under the open shade, already mentioned. Most of the men were fastened two and two, one ankle of each being fettered; in moving about, which was apparently done with pain and difficulty, each rested one arm on the shoulder of the other. The women, girls, and half-grown boys, were made secure by a brass ring, encircling the neck, through which a chain passed, grouping them together in companies of forty or fifty each. Boys and girls under ten years of age, were left unshackled.

Arrangements for the Night.—The bamboo house, used as a sleeping apartment, has three parallel platforms, six feet wide, about one foot above the surface of the ground, and running the whole length of the structure. These platforms are covered with bamboo mats; on these the slaves lodge without any covering to protect their naked bodies from the cold or musquitoes, both of which are nearly intolerable to persons in their situation at this season of the year.

The following extract, will be read with deep emotion:

A Group of Mothers.—There was one company which particularly arrested my attention, and affected my heart. It was made up of mothers, who had recently been bereft of their children. How they came to be chained together, I cannot tell, unless their keepers, yielding to what they deemed an innocent and harmless desire, allowed them to be drawn together by their sympathies and sorrows.

Their owner knew perhaps what had become of their children; but he was unaffected by the reminiscence. Not so with them. Their countenances indicated an intensity of anguish, which cannot be described. Though heathen mothers, a flame had been kindled in their hearts, which no calamity could extinguish.

When infants are born in the barracoon,—besides they will not weigh there with their mothers—because it is inconvenient to keep them in the factory, and almost impossible to carry them across the ocean—they are subjected to a premature and violent death. I speak advisedly, when I affirm that this is a common occurrence. The circumstances of the case made it and it was in this way, I was credibly informed, that these sorrowing females had been sundered from their offspring.

The practice, then, of immolating infants is common in western Africa; not alone in the native quarter of such cruelty, for they regard the deed with horror, and their idolatry, however blind and superstitious, has never reached this climax of cold-blooded depravity. It is a custom of white men, the commercial representatives of Christendom, and continued purely to gratify an insatiable avarice.

Having carefully surveyed this picture of destitution and wretchedness, and having suffered his imagination to run forward to the greatest horrors of the middle passage, from the barracoon. Mr. Wilson should close his description, by saying, "I left the barracoon with my curiosity amply satisfied, and with emotions which will never allow me to visit another."

Those who have read the foregoing extracts will doubtless be pleased to receive further information respecting the history of this slave factory. In the month of August, H. B. M. brig Rapid, entered the Gaboon, with the intention of surprising the factory, but was unsuccessful in effecting its position, the slaves were secreted before the force could be landed.

The following incident, almost too horrible to be described, is introduced for the purpose of illustrating more fully the character of a trifle, which, in every aspect of it, is evil, and only evil.

An Execution.—Soon after the attempt of the Rapid, to surprise the factory, a large number of slaves —between two and three hundred—broke their chains, and escaped from the barracoon. Most of them were subsequently apprehended, and returned. The owner, having discovered the two leaders, determined to punish them in such a manner as to intimidate the others from making a similar attempt. As soon as the fugitives had been secured, and placed behind them, to two of the front posts of the shade, the rest were assembled to behold the bloody spectacle, about to be exhibited. The Spaniard, in the presence of his victims, put a double charge into his gun, and then placing the muzzle of the barrel, each of one of them, discharged the contents into his heart. The head of the poor creature drooped, the blood gushed forth in a torrent, and so he died. This, one would have thought, was enough to glut the vengeance of a fiend; but it was insufficient to satisfy this merciless Spaniard. He re-loaded, and discharged his gun several times, into the bleeding corpse, before he began his work of death upon the other, whom at length, he despatched in a similar manner. The bodies of the two were suspended to the posts, where the execution had taken place, during the whole day.

In less than ten days after this tragedy, another attempt was made to escape from the barracoon; and two others underwent the same penalty.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FREE PRODUCE ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the American Free Produce Association, in presenting their fifth annual report, are happy in being able to say that the state of the cause is encouraging, as to afford encouragement for its farther prosecution, although not such as to satisfy the wishes of its friends. The principle of our association commends itself to the conscience and calm judgment of the consistent abolitionist; but it is not as effective in arousing zeal and winning adherents, as some others of less importance. The work of the association, like that of every moral reform, is to secure, and convert to its principles the public mind; and also to supply the market with the produce of free labor. The especial field of its labor is that which has been pre-occupied by the anti-slavery enterprise; its appeals are chiefly to abolitionists, for it is evidently necessary that a conviction of the sinfulness of slavery must precede the adoption of the principle that it is wrong to partake of its avails. Legitimately as the latter seems to be derived from the former, a large majority of the opponents of slavery are deaf to this truth; and the most arduous work of the association, and the advocates of its principles, is to convince them that they are sustaining the system which they wish to destroy.

In the efforts of the association, during the past year, have been principally directed to the supply of the demand for the produce of free labor; and the report of the manufacturing committee will show what has been done in that department. It is sufficient here to state that this demand has been, during the past year, twice as great as that of any former year; and that we have been able to place in the market, manufactures of better quality, and at lower prices than at any previous period of the association's existence. The association is now relieved from some disadvantages under which it has labored for some years past, in consequence of having procured a fresh supply of goods at a time when the price of cotton and the cost of manufacturing were low, a large part of which supply remained on hand after the great depression in the cotton market, and which could not, without loss, be offered for sale at rates which would compete at all with the rapidly-falling prices of slave-grown manufactures. These prices are now rising, and has been procured by the association on better terms, and we hope to approximate in the price and quality of our manufactures, more nearly than ever, to others now in the market.

We have the pleasure to inform our friends at a distance that the state of our finances is not such as to enable us to furnish goods on consignment, or sell on credit, and would recommend to them a plan adopted by the friends of the cause in Bennington, Vt., which is to form companies, those individuals in their vicinity who wish to purchase, a sum sufficient to pay for the necessary supply of goods, and forwarding the same, with their orders, to the association's agent. Such orders will receive prompt attention, and in this way

Communications.

TO THE MINISTERS OF THE SEVERAL CHURCHES IN THE BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER, Pa.

BRETHREN:—Personally, I am a stranger to all of you, but my heart yearns for the good of mankind, everywhere, and I have learned that all men are my brethren. And so do I esteem you as men, the equals of every other man on God's earth, and I write to you as a brother, as one whose only desire is, that he may be found doing good. You have been appointed, by your several congregations, to minister to their spiritual wants. You are called the Lord's shepherds, appointed to take charge of the fold, and to bring it to Christ. Your office should be one of love and mercy; to bring forth the good in man, and to make it rise above the evil. You are called the teachers of the people, and they look up to you to teach them rightly. These things I wish you to remember; and I wish to remember them, also. I also was appointed, eighteen hundred years ago, there lived, and walked, and taught, on earth, one whose doctrines and precepts, we, as his followers, are called on to believe, and love, and live by; and I also remember that he not only taught that doctrine to the people, but he led them to love them for their very loveliness, and because they were practical, and because he practised them; shewin by his example, that faith without corresponding works, is nought. His doctrines were, briefly, that there is a good and good news to men; and why? because it bore on its very front, the Love image. And he practised his precepts before he ministered to them by preaching. His ministry suited the their outward wants, healing the sick, making the lame to walk, and the blind to see, and then led them to that holy mountain, and gave medicine to the spiritual. This it is that, in the eyes of all the lovers of the right mind, is man respect and love the teachings of Christ. I wish to compare your practices now, with the examples and precepts of our blessed Master. It is good to compare notes, and to endeavor to make our lives accordant with His. I have shown what I believe to have been the elements of Christ's character; his mission breathing peace on earth, good will to men. Are you willing to be judged by the character of your ministry, established by this test, to judge you. You know that the world abounds in wickedness, produced by man's disobedience and selfishness. You know that the character of Christ's teachings rebuked these things. You know that Christianity is a doctrine of unmixed benevolence. Now, one of the greatest vices in the land, is the system of American slavery. Nay, its almost the greatest. It is a compound of nearly every other vice on earth. It is the very spirit of selfishness, the very essence of every other species of selfishness. What is it? A system which chattelises human beings, which barters men, women, and children, as we barter horses, oxen, and swine. Separates families, parts the tender babe from the arms of the agonized mother, the wife from the husband, annuls the marriage institution, and establishes in its place a system of concubinage and lust; sometimes, also, dealing in the sensibilities of men; witness the case of the woman sold at New Orleans, and amongst her other good qualities, she was said to have been a "good Christian." And this system at your very doors, goes unrebuked by you; and you have not a warning voice to raise against binding heavy burdens on the poor. You cannot even plead the paltry excuse of ignorance of these things, for occasions have found you ready to denounce *anti-slavery* in no measured terms. You profess to believe in Christianity as a gospel, and fellowship with those who partake in the unclean thing of American chattelism. You profess to believe the common brotherhood of men, which Christ taught, and yet you set up distinctions in your churches, because of the color of the skin. You profess to believe that Christ gave his life for other men, and yet you will not permit others, not of the same color with yourselves, with you to kneel at the same table to drink the very types of the body and blood of the blessed Redeemer. You excommunicate from your churches those who take a loaf of bread to keep their bodies from starving, and yet your call those who rob the poor, the Lord's who rob their fellow-men every day of all their earnings; and not only that, but even of themselves. You profess to be very desirous of spreading the knowledge of the gospel to those who sit in darkness, and yet the very land you have no compassion for the heathen in darkness at your very doors. You have great compassion for the heathen in India, deprived of the Bible, but you have nothing to say against an institution which makes it a penal offence to be found reading the Bible. You profess to have sincere regard for those whose consciences are lorded over by the tyranny of the Popish church. Yet you seem to forget that the slaveholding church members of Christian churches in America, are owned by their fellow-men, esteemed as mere cattle, bound to do everything and receive whatever portion or treatment which you have yourselves set up. How does it seem to square in your eyes. Then, with such inconsistencies as these, there is something wanting. How will that saying apply to you? "Ye are dumb dogs, that bark not." Ye too who should be "the lights of the world." You are either slaves, or cowards, or both.

"They are slaves who fear to speak
For the fallen and the weak,
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing, and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truth they needs must think;
They are slaves who will not be
In the right with two or three."

I have written these things to you, not in spirit of anger, for against you I entertain no ill-feeling. I have written them because I felt it due to the cause of humanity, that they should be written. Let us remember the injunction, "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves."

I remain your friend for the right,
JOSEPH FUSSELL.

WEST CHESTER, Pa. 10th mo. 1843.

LETTERS FROM JAMAICA.

No. IV.

KINGSTON, October 10th, 1843.

I take the liberty of drawing your attention to a few of the principal causes of the present depressed state of the British West India Islands, particularly this; and I will give a few hints (based on the opinions of our most intelligent planters, merchants, and other practical men in the colony,) for the cure of the evils which we groan under. First, the want of population to supply the places of those who have become small planters, and consequently, are cultivating their own properties. Second, the withdrawal of capital by English capitalists, and the impossibility of carrying on large estates without capital. Third, the old mode, and consequently, dearest, of cultivating estates, which is the impossibility of getting the necessary labor we require, to carry on the cultivation on the large scale it has hitherto been, in an island so thinly populated as this. It is not, as some have asserted, that we want emigrants for the purpose of increasing the abundance of laborers in our island, for the purpose of compelling our peasantry to work for small prices, or starve: not so; it is only to supply the places of thousands, that have purchased freeholds, and now work for wages (very laudable in them)—and to raise themselves in the world. Another reason, I may also add. It is the wish of many, that our product should increase, if possible, to double what it was in the palmiest days of slavery, in order to give to the people an abundance of sugar and coffee, at such a cheap rate that they will have no need to ask for the introduction of the slave grown sugar and coffee of Brazil and Cuba. We will produce it ourselves by the use of freedom in England, that, if we can get as much labor and capital—with the improved method of the plough, and other agricultural implements, we will astonish the enemies of emancipation throughout the world.

The want of capital to carry on our estates, is another evil, which this island groans under; to prove this, I will only refer you to the hundreds of planters and merchants who made large fortunes here, and after emancipation was declared, became dissatisfied, and left the island, carrying away their capital with them; and a large number in England, who also became dissatisfied, and sold their property—consequently their capital has been lost to the island. I may also state, that the former planters and merchants had large credit in England, which most of the present planters and merchants have not. I may likewise say, that the peasantry are unwilling to give much, or any credit to our present planters, as they have an opinion (a very erroneous one, I must say) that they cannot cultivate these estates on a system sufficiently economical to pay expenses, and yield a reasonable profit on the capital. You will undoubtedly concur with me, that it requires large capital to carry on these properties as they were in the time of slavery; as the estates must have expensive mills, a large number of stock, also several managers, a large number of mechanics and laborers; these must be paid regularly. Although I cannot give any support, and must condemn the unprincipled conduct of the many exaggerated and false statements about this island, I, with a host of our practical men in the island, *believe and know there is much in the old system to be exploited and improved upon.*

The old and expensive mode in which our estates were formerly, and are still, by a few, carried on, must be altered, or this island can never arrive at that height of prosperity so much desired by every friend of emancipation, and the West Indies. These are the views held by those whose minds have been in some degree taught by experience from other countries, and their own country, since the few years of freedom that we have enjoyed. All strangers that have visited our island, concur, that to cultivate with profit our product, we must adopt the plough, and other agricultural improvements, like England, America, and other countries.

Although I have not been backward in giving you the faults of my countrymen, I am pleased to tell you, that, we have begun to awake from our lethargy, and see the necessity of adopting new and more economical methods of cultivation. I may also give another hint to absent proprietors; let them do away with their useless set of men —attornies—and have only an overseer—pay them so much per cent. (in addition to salary) for every hogshead over a certain quantity which they have crops; commission with overseer—send them out every new andimproved agricultural implements, and pay a visit every year or two, to the island. The master may appoint a general factor to receive the produce, and to advance the overseer money to pay expenses.

Yours, for immediate emancipation,
HENRY W. DAVISON.

THE TENTH MASSACHUSETTS A. S. FAIR,

Opened on Tuesday, December the 19th, at Amory Hall.

A variety too great to admit of description, of the most beautiful things, from London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dublin, Paris, and many other places, in addition to all that is rare and unique, collected at home, will render this an unequalled opportunity for the choice of

Christmas and New Year's Presents.

Among other new and attractive selections for the occasion, are expected two cases of articles from Paris,—comprising Bonnets, and articles of Ladies' dress, trousseaux, bonnet-boxes, printing press, gilt bedsons, filled with gas, safe for drawing-room use, bonbons, boxes of toys, medallions, plated play service, small nécessaire, statuettes in or molu, furniture de bureaux.

BOOK TABLE

Will be furnished with every variety of beautiful writing materials, in the most excellent taste. Lewisian Seals, beautifully cut; boxes of sealing-wax, new wafers of six different kinds; some of the monuments of Paris. *Papeterie* ornamented in gold, of exceptionable taste, in boxes, portfolios, cases and sachets. Pictorial letter paper of eight or ten varieties. Porcelain envelopes, and four other styles—one entirely novel. Music paper. Annuals. Rare autographs, old books. The entire manuscript of O'Connell's letter to the Earl of Shrewsbury,—very valuable. Gustave de Beaumont's book on Ireland, in English, translated by W. Taylor—the best book on Ireland ever written, and not yet published here. Abley's travels in the United States, never re-published. Models of English and Swiss cottage architecture. Card cases of the Killarney Arlentus-wood. Exquisite watercolor sketches of Rhine scenery, from Trouvelot, of Johannesberg, Cologne, &c. Outline drawings from statues in the Vatican of the Muses. Pen and ink drawings. Bristol board, &c.

Tewbridge Ware.

Those who engaged articles, after last year's invoice of these beautiful things were disposed of, are informed that the requisite selection has arrived, consisting of every variety of small articles; winders, boxes, taper stands, paper-folders, tea-caddies, &c.

Statuettes,

Very beautiful, after the antique; a few copies of the most celebrated works of modern Sculptors, but principally classic subjects.

Varieties,

Of all the numberless articles of all styles of workmanship, and of all prices, usually found at fancy Bazaars; Infant's dresses, trimmed in lace, linen, silk aprons, richly quilted shirts. Bags of Berlin worsted, wrought with steel and gold beads,—purses, tapestry; tabouret, ottomans, screen and bandbox fittings, slippers—gentlemen's ladies' and children's; many novelties in neck-ties and knitted woolen articles. An entirely new fashion of Ladies' gloves for drawing-room use. Splendid sofa and chair tops, fine cambric handkerchiefs, and pocket books, pin and toilette cushions, net napkins, sham cloths, bookmarks, boy's balls, hoops, bats and playthings of all sorts, dolls, and various toys.

Various sizes of Reticules—Stumboul cushions, sofa cushions, elbow cushions, watch guards, puzzles, children's dresses of a new material. Satin neck ornaments, very beautiful, being the Tartan of most of the clans whose names they bear, accompanied by a history. A few of the small shawls for girls, called the "Alice-Maud," linen cambric pocket handkerchiefs.

Refreshments of tea, ice-creams, confectionary, fruit, sandwiches, &c.

"Christmachbaum,"

The Christmas Tree, with its accessories of music and painting will open at the Melodeon on Monday, Christmas night, December 25th. The beautiful "Christus Consolator Natus" will be exhibited. The practice of respecting this beautiful spectacle hereafter. Every arrangement for the convenient entrance and exit of the crowds expected to attend. Let us forget ourselves, and "remember those in bonds, as bound with them."

In behalf of the Board,
AMARANCY PAINE, *Secretary.*

AMERICAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

NOVEMBER 30th, 1843.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the New-York (Central) Anti-Slavery Society, the following preamble and resolutions were passed unanimously:

Whereas, we view with *extreme horror* the frequent attacks made by the "Liberty Press" of this city, upon the faithful and devoted agents of the American Anti-Slavery Society, and also upon the agents of our society, who are laboring in conjunction with them, believing those attacks to be greatly prejudicial to the cause of the slave, and a stain upon this glorious enterprise of humanity,

Resolved, That we have the most implicit confidence in the *truthfulness, ability, faithfulness,* and *devotion* of Abby Kelley, who is acting as our agent with great self-sacrifice, and with an impartial humanity, ardently and constantly pleading the cause of the oppressed.

Resolved, That we believe the editorial article in the "Liberty Press," of last Tuesday, headed "Abby Kelly and the Liberty Press," to be a most *unjustifiable* attack upon her, founded in *misunderstanding* and *misrepresentation*; and we call upon the editor to retract the charges.

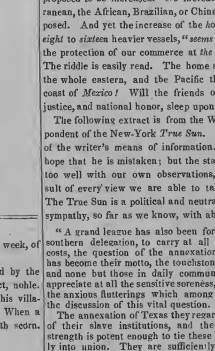
Resolved, That we view with most painful emotions the article above alluded to, from the fact that it proceeds from a professed reformer, clergyman, and abolitionist, set for the defense of truth, and who ought to be actuated by the hallowed axiom; "Do to others as ye would that others should do to you."

Resolved, That copies of the above be forwarded to the "Liberty Press," "Liberator," and "Standard," for publication.

(Signed) SAMUEL LIGHTBODY, Chairman.
WM. C. ROGERS, Secretary.

The Anti-Slavery Standard.

NEW-YORK, THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1843.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Want of space prevented the insertion, last week, of some remarks on this document.

The conduct of Richard III. as represented by the poet, has always appeared to us, in one respect, noble. He did not shrink from the consequences of his villanies, but openly and fearlessly faced them. When a borse is offered him for flight, he rejects it with scorn.

"Slave, I hate set my life upon a cast,
And I will stand the hazard of the die."

There is something comfortable in such a fiend. He carries out his principles to legitimate results, establishes a heaven to warn mankind, atones by suffering for his crimes, and becomes, in a certain sense, a benefactor of his race. But there is a sneaking class of knaves, who have a keen relish for all the pleasures of rascality, but, like pickpockets, wish to shun its penalties.—They approach stealthily the forbidden thing, and if detected, say, like Sawney, they are going "*back* ——" for opportunities of repeating it; and if they should run a career of success, they endow with the fruits, which they can no longer enjoy them, some religious or benevolent institution, turn saint, and try to cheat the devil. We recollect a fellow-student, who committed an offense, and when detected by the tutor, replied, "I didn't mean to." "Didn't mean to?" replied the indignant tutor; "I fine you one dollar for saying that."

That part of the message relating to Texas and Mexico, has suggested these observations. Who does not see, through a flimsy and contemptible veil of hypocrisy, the rankest purpose of usurpation and robbery? Who does not see the criminal design, with the cowardice which dares not avow it? Who does not see that fraud upon the people of the United States is to be added to injustice and violence to a neighboring and friendly nation.

We do not doubt that it was the intention of John Tyler to make a direct proposition for the annexation of Texas, and that the entire South and the government of Texas (if there be such a thing) were prepared for that issue. But the decided and (with the exception of a few of Tyler's northern stipendiaries), the unanimous voice of remonstrance uttered by the Northern press, alarmed him. Therefore he changes his tactics, endeavors to persuade us that we are insulted, accumulates trifling pretexts for war, rubs our ears like dogs, to set us to fight for the pleasure and benefit of himself and his brother slave-breeders. Now, although all this is covered by forms of law and official decorum, there is more real depravity in it than has been scraped together from penitentiaries since the Declaration of Independence. The selfishness, the premeditation, the inhumanity, the recklessness of others' rights, and the intrinsic malice of the thing, give to it the highest grade and the darkest stain of moral and legal criminality. Mr. Tyler denounces war against Mexico, and appeals to the people for their support in carrying out the bloody design. A war with Mexico would involve, at a moderate calculation, the sacrifice of a hundred thousand lives, and of one to two hundred millions of property. Our commerce would become a prey to privateers of all nations sailing under the commissions of the enemy; who in turn would have nothing afiont upon which we could inflict reciprocal injury. But in all probability the war would not be limited to Mexico. It would be a war for territorial aggrandizement, and for the extension and perpetuation of slavery and the slave-trade. As such, the nations of Europe and of *South America* would not be indifferent to it. It is morally certain that Great Britain would take a direct and decisive part in it. If the means to carry it on could be mustered on our part, it would become one of the fiercest and most destructive wars of modern times. It would be a war for robbery and slavery, and would more resemble the desperate struggle on the deck of an armed slaver, or common pirate, than the ordinary warfare of civilized nations.

War has been recommended by the President, in full view of the extended operations and awful consequences to which we have now adverted. In the House of Representatives, while the impeachment against Mr. Adams for presenting a petition, was pending, Mr. Henry A. Wise said, "it is our duty at once to say to Mexico, 'if you strike *Texas*, you strike us' and if England, standing by, should dare to intermeddle, and ask, 'Do you take part with Texas?' his prompt reply would be, 'Yes, and against you.'"

Nearly two years ago, Mr. Gentry, a member from Tennessee, declared that *Mr. Wise was the government.* Without supposing this to be literally true, we are fully satisfied that it could not be affirmed with equal truth of any other man in the country. It is a new and striking confirmation of Mr. Gentry's declaration, that the course now taken by Mr. Tyler, is precisely marked out by Mr. Wise, in the speech from which the above quotation is made. He threatens Mexico with war, if she continues her efforts to subdue her treacherous and ungrateful colonists, and if she does not in fact acknowledge their independence. It is to support him in a war, declared on this ground, that Mr. Tyler says, "The executive will throw itself upon the patriotism of the people."

The American people ought to understand that their executive has taken towards Mexico the attitude of war, and has summoned Congress and the nation to sustain him in it! Waddy Thompson, in Mexico, and Mr. Upshur, Secretary of State, have done all in their power to provoke hostilities. There is not an intelligent man or woman in the nation who does not see that the sole object of the proposed war is to obtain Texas, and if possible, other territory for *slave* States, by the *right of* conquest, so called; and yet we hear this dissembling and infamous proposal (far more infamous than one for direct annexation) treated as less important and alarming than would be the latter! This is a most dangerous delusion. War is intended to include not only the annexation of Texas, but also of California, and the virtuent occupation, in contravention of an existing treaty, of the territory of Oregon. These are the stakes for which the slaveholders, slave-breeders, and slave-traders of the South are going to play their last and most desperate game. To treat this as less important and alarming than a direct proposition for the annexation of Texas, is the merest madness. That the executive is in earnest, may be further gathered from the disposition which the Secretary of the Navy is making of our naval force for the next year. All the officers are proposed to be kept in active service, and their number increased. Our fleets in the Gulf of Mexico and in the Pacific are to be doubled in number of vessels, and more than doubled in the number of guns. The fleet which captured *Monterey* is to have *three* frigates instead of *one*, and *seven* instead of *three* smaller vessels of war.

"These are portentous things
Unto the climate that they point upon."

An increase upon the last year, of nearly $3,000,000 for the year is proposed, making *nine* instead of *six* millions. Do these facts mean nothing? The worst of it is, that these extravagant and extraordinary measures are proposed under the false pretense that "they *seem* necessary to the protection of our increased and growing commerce on the *distant* stations." Now mark, that the *Home* and the *Pacific* squadrons are the only ones proposed to be increased. No increase of the Mediterranean, the African, Brazilian, or China squadrons is proposed. And yet the increase of the *home* squadron from *eight* to *sixteen* heavier vessels, "*seems* to be necessary for the protection of our commerce at *the distant* stations." The riddle is easily read. The home squadron occupies the whole eastern, and the Pacific the entire western coast of *Mexico!* Will the friends of peace, freedom, justice, and national honor, sleep upon this?

The following extract is from the Washington correspondent of the New York *True Sun*. We know nothing of the writer's means of information. We would fain hope that he is mistaken; but the statement agrees but too well with our own observations, and with the result of every view we are able to take of the subject. The True Sun is a political and neutral paper, having no sympathy, so far as we know, with abolitionists:

"A grand league has also been formed by the entire southern delegation, to carry at all events and at all costs, the question of the annexation of Texas. This has become their motto, the touchstone of their feelings; and none but those in daily communion with them can appreciate at all the sensitive soreness, the keen jealousy, the anxious flutterings which among them ever attend the discussion of this vital question.

"The annexation of Texas is heard as the palladium of their slave institutions, and the only bond whose strength is potent enough to tie these United States firmly into union. They are sufficiently sensible that the ground is giving before the northern fire, and are fearful of becoming too entirely sacrificed to northern influence, and northern policy. Whether these feelings are ominous or unreal, it is sufficient that they do exist, and that their existence will cause a revolution in our hitherto tolerably regular party tactics."

POST OFFICE REFORM.

The interest and the action on this subject is widening and Cincinnati, with a spirit and results corresponding with those of the New-York meeting. Meantime, we have to regret that at the head of the post-office committee, in the House of Representatives, is appointed Mr. Hopkins, of Virginia, a member warmly opposed to the much-desired post-office reform, and to northern interests generally. During the last session of Congress, a bill came before the house, which did not alleviate the burdens of the establishment, weighing so grievously upon the people, but armed Mr. Wickliffe with new power, to bind them upon us. Among the new hardships which the bill was to impose, was that of arresting the distribution of papers by *postriders*, and giving a monopoly of this interesting service to the post-office. When the bill was about to come before the house, and it was apparent that it would not pass, Mr. Hopkins, then of the post-office committee, said to several members in the area of the hall, that Mr. Wickliffe intended at all events, to have the *yeas and nays*, and then he would know *in what districts to cut off post-office accommodations!* "Do you mean to say," inquired a member from Massachusetts, "that this is the purpose of the Postmaster General, if the House refuse to pass the bill?" "I do not mean to say it is, but I do say that *he will do it, and ought to.*"

We do not pretend to recollect the precise words of the conversation, but in substance it was as above related. We have thought it right to report it to the people, as the only power which can relieve the country from an odious, oppressive, and absurd system, to which our Southern masters would chain us, chiefly, as we verily believe, for the purpose of extorting from the free States an exorbitant tax to pay the extravagant expenditures of the department in the slave States.

UNUSUAL CONSIGNMENT.—We understand that one of the bills of lading of the barque Natchez, of Portland, which arrived at this port from New Orleans, yesterday, was for one negro boy, Martin, to S. L. Shaw.* We do not know that this may not be the simplest way of emancipating a negro, but the phrase sounds strangely in this latitude.—*Boston Daily Advertiser.*

The facts of the case are these. A merchant of Boston sent orders to his agent, to obtain something, if possible, from the effects of a man in Louisiana, who owed him $300. The agent replied, that in obeying bisorders he had been so lucky as to secure Martin, a likely negro boy, of nine years old; that he had put him in prison, and awaited further orders, whether to dispose of him at auction, or private sale. The New England merchant felt a little queer about his peculiar species of property. He was not in the negro trade, but the buying and selling of children, affected him unpleasantly. He accordingly offered to give the boy to Ellis Gray Loring. Glad to save the little stranger from a life of bondage, our friend accepted the offer. He caused the human chattel to be brought from Louisiana, at the expense of $50, has taken him under his own protection, and given him the name of Martin Loring. May a blessing rest upon the deed.

NEW DEVELOPEMENT.

It appears, by the Washington letters of Mr. Greely, of the Tribune, that Mr. Upshur, Secretary of State, is negotiating with the German Customs Union, for the admission of American *tobacco* into Germany, at a reduced duty, on condition of our admitting, at a small duty, German manufactures, including *silk*, linen, bemper, and mixed manufacturers, looking-glass plates, thread and cotton laces, hosiery, articles of gold and silver, toys, "and such other articles as may designated by common consent."

We hope the northern press will look into this matter. Undue advantage is sought for slave, at the expense of free labor. Tobacco is almost exclusively a slave product, and about the only one of much consequence *for its market*, which can now be raised in the old slave States. We except of course, the "Vigential crop" of human flesh. Our slave government has been striving for half a century to get down the tobacco duties of Europe. We have had expensive missions sent again and again for that object, while in Hayti, so important to Northern interests, we cannot have a *consul*, or any government only at the outcoor court. Probably few interviews

M. W. Chapman,	Lavinia Ta-
Ann T. Phillips,	*Hannah Tapin,*
Mary G. Chapman,	*Catherine Sargent,*
Susan Cabot,	*M. A. W. Johnson,*
Elizabeth Fallen,	*Caroline Weston,*
Olivia Bancroft,	*Anna M. Fitchrick,*
Sarah S. Russell,	*Mary Young,*
Sarah B. Shaw,	*Harriet Jackson,*
Helen E. Garrison,	*Mary F. Rogers,*
Louisa Loring,	*Louisa M. Sewall,*
Anne Warren Weston,	*Caroline F. Williams,*
Thankful Southwick,	*Abby Southwick,*
Henrietta Sargent,	*Mary Willey,*
Maria White,	*Martha Fuller.*

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

Since the last annual meeting, this society has not been altogether inactive. Quietly, but none the less effectively, has it plied its assaults against the citadel of oppression, and employed its energies for the restoration of prostrate humanity. Obstacles, and adverse influences of a formidable nature, have failed to divert our exertions from their appropriate channel, and have been, by the blessing of God, triumphantly surmounted. That the society has grown, in the estimation of public opinion, of late. The society is nearly, if not quite, out of debt. At all events, so small is the debt, that the managers do not feel embarrassed, and obliged to contract their efforts. Never before has it been so. Every where and nobly have the true-hearted come forward, counting self-denial and sacrifice joyous, to clear our track of an obstacle which power and influence would fain augment and rivet down.

The expenses of the Anti-Slavery Office have been promptly defrayed. To many a panting, bleeding fugitive has this proved, during the past year, a place of refuge and rest. Quietly, but none the less effectively, has it been a place of security from the hands of the blood-thirsty pursuer, as surely as were Israel's refuge cities.

Many, who have heretofore regarded the society with a jealous eye, and looked upon it towards it feelings of bitterness and enmity, have been indneed to weigh our principles, and scrutinize our motives, and unite with us, as hearty co-operators in the anti-slavery field.

At an early period of the year, the formation of the annual meeting, the board secured the labors of Frederic Douglas, as lecturing agent for the State. Mr. D. labored with great success, and acceptance, for about four months. As the day of Sunday-evening meetings will attend Union Hall, in Providence, to large and attentive audiences, highly conducive to the interests of the anti-slavery cause.

During the month of April, a special meeting of the society was held at East Greenwich. The attendance was not large. The church shut us out of its meeting-house, the State out of its court-house; and to preserve harmony with the spirit of Sunday-evening sanctity, refused to sell friend Douglas (and consequencially all that were with him) the privilege of passing to Providence in his *one-man* "*Jim Crow car.*" "All hail to the glorious Union!" The results of the meeting were beneficial, notwithstanding.

For one month past, C. M. Burleigh, of Connecticut, has been in the employ of the society, as lecturing agent. The demand for anti-slavery information is on the increase among the people of Rhode Island. About sixty-seven copies of the National Anti-Slavery Standard are weekly distributed from the Anti-Slavery Office.—About twenty copies are taken in Pawtucket. Forty copies of the Liberator are taken in this city and neighborhood, and the number of subscribers is on the increase. The circulation of the Herald of Freedom is also increasing. "The Brotherhood of Thieves, by S. S. Foster," has excited much interest, has been extensively circulated, and read with avidity, by both ministers and people. Of the Anti-Slavery Almanac, for 1844, more than one thousand copies have already been sold, and distributed from the office.

Children, in great numbers, flock to the office for the purpose of obtaining anti-slavery publications, which they take to their homes. They are found in all classes in society, and receive what is given them gladly; but if refused, go away sorrowing. This surely is not the least interesting of the signs of the times. These are requests, too, for which the society has to pay, and which it does joyfully, as by this means anti-slavery truth is conveyed to pro-slavery hearts.

But after all, we have much to contend with, and to overcome. Church and State are, to a very great extent, against us. The leaders of the people, in both these departments of society, are propagating the most direct misrepresentations as to our motives. They forbid the people to hear and understand for themselves. They would fain make us believe that they hold the keys of light and knowledge; that they are the vicegerents of sovereign power, and that to them, and them only, and no man on earth, they open, and no man can shut. We are powerless, our opposers are powerful; we are poor, they are rich; we are few, they are many. What shall all these avail against us? Let us go right on wherever truth and duty lead. The truthful have all things in possession; nothing can eventually withstand them. It is through tribulation that we are to be cleansed from our dross, and purified. Let us forsake all fellowship with sin and oppression, deny ourselves, and unceasingly labor for the good of our oppressed countrymen. Let us forget ourselves, and "remember those in bonds, as bound with them."

In behalf of the Board,
AMARANCY PAINE, *Secretary.*

CHRISTMAS.

On Monday next, Christmas returns. This festival, in commemoration of the birth of our Saviour, is observed with much ceremony in the Roman, Greek, Armenian, Syrian, English, and Lutheran churches. The Puritans considered Christmas as too Popish to be retained; but in some some of their descendants it is now observed, if not as a religious feast, yet as a day for cakes and carols, gifts and greetings, family gatherings, and social festivities.

It is supposed that the observance of Christmas was not introduced until the fourth century; it being more general to celebrate the death of remarkable persons than their birth. The churches were not at first agreed as to *the day* to be observed. No one supposes that Christ was born on the 25th of December. Luke says: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night." In the cold season of the year, this was never the case; but the flocks were *housed* during December and January at least, as we learn from ancient Jewish authority. Nor would the "taxing" or enrolment, have been ordered at that inclement season, since it would be difficult for the people to travel "every one into his own city" to be enrolled.

There has been a conjecture that Christ was born in May; and this would agree much better with Luke's account of the public enrollment, and the situation of the shepherds, when the angels announced his advent.

As for the *day* of his birth, there is no evidence on which to found even a conjecture. In the fifth century, the Latin church ordered it to be celebrated forever on the 25th of December, the day of the old Roman feast in commemoration of the birth of Sol. Their object probably was to displace a Pagan ceremony, to which the people had been long accustomed, and supply it with one of their own. The same policy led to the introduction of images. Many a statue of Diana or Venus, was transformed into a Virgin Mary, and many a Jupiter continued to be an object of worship, under the name of Jesus.

Whether the Latin church thought of it or not, there is a beautiful significance in the season now appropriated to Christmas; for *it is the time when the sun begins to return town*, and therefore called by the ancients, the birth of Sol. In token of joy, the Romans had social feasts, and an universal interchange of presents. These customs have passed into common usage in Christian countries, except where the Puritan influence has prevailed. In the north of Germany, Christmas is peculiarly interesting to all classes and relations of society. On Christmas eve, the Christmas Tree, as it is called, is hung with presents of all sorts, which the little ones believe have been brought by the Christ Child. In some German churches, sermons are delivered on that eve, for the benefit of children, who attend, each carrying a small lighted taper, in honor of the infant Jesus. The gladness with which Christmas is welcomed in England is well described by Washington Irving, in the following extract:

"Glad Christmas comes, and every hearth
Makes room to give him welcome now,
E'en want will dry its tears in mirth,
And crown him with a holly bough:
Though tempine 'reath a winter sky,
O'er snowy paths and rimy stiles,
The housewife sets her spinning by,
To bid him welcome with her smiles.

Each house is swept the day before,
And windows stuck with evergreens,
The snow is besom'd from the door,
And comfort crowns the cottage scenes.
Gilt holly, with its thorny pricks,
And yew, and box, with berries small,
These deck the unused candlesticks,
And pictures hanging by the wall."

REMINISCENCES OF TRAVEL.

LETTER IV.

On the 19th of July, 1822, I embarked with General Henry Dearborn, Minister Plenipotentiary, and Envoy Extraordinary of the United States to the kingdom of Portugal and Algarves, in the capacity of private Secretary. Our vessel was a new Duxbury brig, bound from Boston to Lisbon. She was cast off from Long Wharf at 15 minutes past 1 o'clock, P. M. and glided into the stream under the cheerings of an assemblage of citizens. These were all old *republicans*, according to the political nomenclature of that time; party animosity not yet being sufficiently allayed to permit any *federalist* to join in this mark of kindness and good-will. The ship's company and passengers responded, and the venerable minister, a man of noble presence, uncovered his head, and waved his thanks and adieu.

At 2 o'clock we discharged pilot, and at 3 lay to, and put H. A. S. Dearborn, esq. Collector of the Port, and the minister's only son, aboard the Revenue Cutter; commanded by Captain Trevett, a Bunker Hill hero, who bade General Dearborn, his friend and associate on that spot, a silent but expressive farewell. There was that in the old man's look, which seemed to say, "We can hardly expect to meet again in this world." We took our departure from the highlands of Cape Cod at 8 o'clock, the light on that point being the last object we were to look upon in America.

I remember some sunny places in our voyage. We were twenty-six days in performing it. The weather was generally clear and pleasant; though sufficiently varied by storms, squalls, and gusts of thunder, to make us enjoy with a keen zest the serene days and gentle breezes. The heat of the season, so oppressive in New England, was tempered by the cool sea. Grouped on the clean deck, we read aloud, books illustrative of the manners of the Peninsular nations. There was Mrs. Dearborn, formerly Mrs. Bowdoin, a cheerful companion and an experienced voyager. This was her second visit to Europe as the wife of a minister of the United States. There was Laura Gay, a lively, sensible girl, grand-daughter of General Dearborn. There was the General himself, with his quiet smile; and occasionally the captain and his first officer drawing near and listening. That group, unless the captain survives, are all gone! The mate, a tough and trusty seaman, by the name of Brooks, has been lost at sea many years.

What bustle and pleasure we had in catching a porpoise, and in almost catching a shovel-nosed shark! How the long water-devil lashed the ribs of our vessel! bounding with amazing velocity from stem to stern, as the crew hauled him up by a tackle. How he made the main boom, where he broke from the hook and regained his native element! A tiger could not have exhibited more rage and desperation. He was betrayed into all this trouble by a large bit of salt beef.

We were much attracted by the nightly gambols of Flying Fish—gambols, as I at first supposed; but I afterward learned that the poor creatures were flying for their lives from various monsters, by which they are esteemed a delicacy; and I cannot but approve their taste. The seamen picked up some, which struck the masts and fell on deck. I think I never tasted a more delicious fish. We also caught some dolphins. They did not realize the idea we get from the voyage of Arion. They appear beautiful in the water, being of a gilded green; but they are small, and make coarse and oily food.

The view we had of the Azores, or Western Isles, seemed more like enchantment than like nature. We had been at sea twenty days, the last of which had been foul. Suddenly, about 10 o'clock one morning, the clouds broke, the sun came out bright, the fog rolled up, like the drop-curtain of a theatre, and disclosed, at the distance of a league, the high and rugged island of Corvo. It had a mountainous aspect, but seemed cultivated and covered with vineyards to the very summit. We could distinguish persons, appearing no bigger than mice, going up the mountains. This lovely scene comes back to memory as fresh as it was to the eye. A thousand times have I recollected the thrilling sensation I felt, when I first gazed on that vision of romantic beauty, in the light of a brilliant morning, so suddenly succeeding days of darkness and storm.

On the 5th of August, at 1 o'clock in the morning, we made the Rock of Lisbon; and at 6 we began to enter the ancient Tagus. How full my heart was then! A multitude of fishermen were coming out of the river, with red caps and jackets, and legs bare from the knee; strikingly reminding one of the Flemish and Italian paintings. The captain directed a Sicilian mariner, whom we had, to hail for a pilot. He hallooed, *Esta piloto aborde?* To these words, the first of a language then new to me, and which I proposed to learn, I paid eager attention; but I afterward found the phrase was not good Portuguese.

While lying at quarantine, we had a large basket of beautiful and delicious fruit sent on board for the minister. It consisted of large oranges, a variety of grapes, melons, &c. I shall never forget that basket of fruit. It was so golden, and so purple, and so rich!

Our letters and papers were received through a grate at the Health Office, with long tongs, and dipped in vinegar, before they were examined and passed to their addresses.

I enjoyed the view from the deck. The banks of the river are rather high, abrupt, and undulating. The North Bank, as it recedes, rises into a ridge, which continues, with now and then a deep ravine, along the whole site of Lisbon on the east, and far away to the mountains of Cintra on the north. On both these banks, but most on the ridge, are seen a vast number of *Windmills*, resembling a round tower or martello. They are built of stone or earth, and being neatly whitewashed, are extremely pretty objects. I counted seventy in one view, at our anchorage below the Castle. They quite filled the air with murmuring and not unmusical sound. It fell very pleasantly on my ear; but at first I could not imagine what it was.

On the North Bank, still lower down, was Fort St. Julião; and on the opposite side, built on a sand bar, which was covered at high water, was another called Bujio. Belem Castle, the principal object in the foreground, has a rugged and venerable aspect. It is garrisoned, and is the hailing station of the Revenue and Health officers.

The green hedges, consisting principally of Aloes, with their gigantic leaves; rich gardens, with their groves of oranges, and grapes; the palaces situated half way up the hill; and the great Convent at the foot, built by King Manuel, in honor of the Portuguese discoveries and acquisitions in the East; all these formed a landscape, which a quarantined voyager could not fail to enjoy, and cherish forever.

Rich as the scene was in natural beauty, it was still more attractive to my imagination from the romantic associations connected with its history. Human races so like, and yet so unlike, ourselves, had successively enjoyed the same balmy air, and been soothed and refreshed by the same serene and glorious view. I almost fancied I could see the helmeted and turbaned shades of Romans, Goths, Moors, and Red Cross Knights, still lingering along the horizon.

After five days quarantine, we landed above the Castle. The carriages, called Sejas, sent from Lisbon to convey us thither, strongly indicated the conservative character of the Portuguese people. Every precisely resembled a picture of Gil Blas' equipage, when he returned to visit his relations, after becoming a great man. They were drawn by two horses; one in the thills, the other attached to bis side, mounted by a postillion, well booted and spurred. The horses were of superior size, strength, and sleekness, and free from those barbarous mutilations which deform English and American horses. Their long, fl

have taken place, which closed more to the satisfaction of all parties. This incident led me to serious reflections concerning the superficiality of that learning which I had spent so much time and labor to acquire. Here was a practical illustration of its uselessness when applied to the business of life. The result was a settled determination to supply the deficiencies which a college had created. It then appeared to me that if I had learned any one language well at our flimsy universities, I should have been a happy man.—D. L. C.

THE LIBERTY BELL.

The new volume for this year has just reached us, printed in the usual neat and tasteful style. It arrived too late to give opportunity to read it; but the following table of contents promises well. Those who purchase it, will have their money's worth, beside aiding the cause of freedom:

The Liberty Bell, by	*R. R. R. Moore.*
Words to the Wavering,	*Allen C. Spooner.*
A Chippewa Legend,	*James Russell Lowell.*
A Word of Encouragement,	*James Haughton.*
Our Fifty Years,	*George S. Boutwell.*
Complaint and Reproach,	*Richard Hildreth.*
Nebuchadnezzar,	*John Pierpont.*
Reminiscences	*William Adam.*
To America,	*John Bowring.*
The Melancholy Boy,	*Eliza Lee Follen.*
Our Reliance,	*R. R. Madden.*
Letter to a Friend,	*Susan C. Cabot.*
The Harvest Home,	*William Lloyd.*
The Blind King,	*Mary Howitt.*
Pater Noster,	*Amasa Walker.*
To a Friend,	*Emily Taylor.*
Random Reflections,	*Richard D. Webb.*
The Slave-Boy's Death,	*Elizabeth Poole.*
Lewis Herbert,	*Edmund Quincy.*
Sonnet,	*Anne Warren Weston.*
Diversities,	*Elizabeth Pease.*
Extract of a Letter,	*The Duchess of Sutherland.*
Pity the Slave,	*Harriet Martineau.*
The Church and the Clergy,	*Charles W. Wrigple.*
The Fugitives in Boston,	*Richard Hildreth.*
No Compromise with Slavery,	*William Lloyd Garrison.*
Sonnet,	*Maria Weston Chapman.*
Blind Guides,	*Nathaniel P. Rogers.*
The Soul's Freedom,	*Elizabeth Pease.*
To the Abolitionists,	*John T. Hilton.*

WASHINGTON NEWS.—Such is the state of parties, and such the secret projects affecting vitally our foreign relations and domestic affairs, that we shall be greatly surprised if strange things do not transpire before the winter is over. We notice that John Tyler now declares openly, that *Henry Clay* will undoubtedly be next President! and that said Tyler has *cut* the Van Buren men! How is this? Are Tyler and the friends of Calhoun, going for Clay? If so, it will put the North to their thoughts.

IMPROVIDENT AND FATAL POLICY.—The unnatural augmentation of Florida settlers, under the stimulus of bounties and rations, for the purpose of getting Florida ready for admission into the Union, as a slave State, produced famine and pestilence there. The emigration to Oregon, encouraged by the government to extend itself to *California*, is likely, according to late accounts, to suffer still more miserably, if not to perish. Blind, passionate, and sinister men, at the head of affairs, can do dreadful mischief to masses.

ERRATA.—In Letter III. for "eloquence," read *elegance*, so that the phrase will be, "copiousness, elegance," &c. In the same article, for "Burrell," read *Barrell*.

In the same number of the Standard, in an item on the 4th page, relating to the fight of Weller and Woods, remove the period, so as to divide the words, "At the last session," from the words, "He moved the censure upon his colleague, Mr. Giddings."

Some numbers back, in the remark introductory to the verses of Miss Clarke, on Mr. Clay's Richmond speech, for "different state of feeling," read, different *states of feeling*.

☞ Acknowledgments deferred.

Congress.

SENATE, Monday, Dec. 11.

The President named the standing committee as follows:

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Post Office and Post Roads—Messrs. Merrick, Simmons, Jarnegan, Fulton and Atchinson.

Roads and Canals—Messrs. Porter, White &c.

Pensions—Messrs. Bates, Sevier, Foster, &c.

District Affairs—Messrs. Choate, Miller, Bayard, &c.

Patents—Messrs Porter, Henderson, &c.

Retrenchment—Messrs. Morehead, Miller, &c.

Public Buildings—Messrs. Dayton, Breese, &c.

Contingent Expenses—Messrs. Simmons, White, &c.

Enrolled Bills—Messrs. Dayton, Bagby, &c.

Printing—Messrs. Simmons, Fairfield, and Sprague.

TUESDAY, Dec. 12.

Mr. Benton, of Missouri, pronounced a eulogy on his late colleague, *Dr. Linn*, after which the customary resolution for mourning was passed.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13.

Mr. Breese of Ill. pronounced a eulogy upon his deceased predecessor, Mr. McRoberts, after which a resolution for the customary mourning was passed.

THURSDAY Dec. 14.

Mr. Tappan, of Ohio, gave notice of his amendment to the constitution limiting the judges of the United States Courts to seven years.

A message from the house was received relative to the decease of Mr. Burnell, and after brief eulogial remarks from Mr. Bates, and concurrence in the resolution of the house, resolutions similar were passed.

Mr. Atchinson, of Missouri, gave notice of a bill to establish the government of the territory of Oregon, &c. Dr. Linn's bill revived—the danger of which was so very effectively exposed by Mr. Calhoun.

FRIDAY, Dec. 15.

Mr. Atchinson presented resolutions of the legislature of Missouri in favor of restoring the 2d regiment of dragoons.

Resolutions from the house on the death of Mr *Millen*, a member from Georgia, were concurred. The Senate held an executive session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 12.

The following committees were announced:

Committee of Ways and Means—Messrs. McKay, Lewis, J. R. Ingersoll, Dromsoole, Barnard, D. L. Seymour, Weller, Chappell, and Norris.

Committee on Commerce—Messrs. Vance, Thomas Smith, Cobb, A. Johnson, Bowlin, Strong, Stephens, Clingman, and Ramsey.

Committee on Commerce—Messrs. Holmes, Dunlap, Winthrop, Hennix, Preston King, Hale, Labranche, Charles M. Reed, and McClellan.

Committee on the Public Lands—Messrs. John W. Davis, Boyd, Collamer, Hubard, Houston, Rayner, Jameson, McClernand, and Patterson.

Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads—Messrs. Hopkins, Kennedy, Grinnell, Stiles, Hardin, Dana, D. S. Reid, Relfe, and Jenks.

Committee on the District of Columbia—Messrs. Campbell, Kirkpatrick, A. Stewart, Willis Green, Geo. W. Jones, Chilton, Robinson, McClausen, and Bower.

Committee on the Judiciary—Messrs. Wilkins, Saunders, French, Dillingham, Bart, Vinton, Pettit, Dickey, and Catlin.

Committee on Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. R. D. Davis, Arrington, Daniel P. King, Lucas, Stone, Stetson, Brodhead, Robert Smith, and Senter.

Committee on Public Expenditures—Messrs. Clinton, Reding, Cranston, Aimon H. Read, Matthews, Grider, Purdy, Sikes, and Perley B. Jones.

Committee on Private Land Claims—Messrs. Cross, Slidell, Dellett, James A. Black, W. J. Brown, Cary, Elisha R. Potter, Severance, and Rogers.

Committee on Manufactures—Messrs. Adams, Collamer, Belser, Hudson, Woodward, Irvin, Moseley, Lumpkin, and Cranston.

Committee on Agriculture.—Messrs. Deberry, Anderson, Parlee, St. John, Jeremiah Brown, Byram Green, Hays, Henry, and Florence.

Committee on Indian Affairs.—Messrs. Cave Johnson, Jacob Thompson, Toot, James B. Hunt, Bullock, Washington D. Benton, and Vanmeter.

Committee on Military Affairs.—Messrs. Haralson, Coles, Irvin, Boyd, McConnell, Hardin, Bossier, McDowell, and Fries.

Committee on the Militia.—Messrs. Dean, John Stewart, Moseley, Tibbats, More, Foot, Bower, Hays, and Frick.

Committee on Foreign Affairs.—Messrs. C. J. Ingersoll, Rhett, Beardsley, Gilmer, White, Dawson, Sample, Thomasson, and Henry Williams.

Committee on Naval Affairs.—Messrs. Wise Parmenter, Barringer, Murphy, Simpson, Peyton, Thomas H. Seymour, Atkinson, Judd, and Mathews.

Committee on Revolutionary Pensions.—Messrs. Rathburn, Steenrod, Rodney, Simmons, Hungerford, Giddings, Joseph A. Wright, Hoge, and McIlvaine.

Committee on Invalid Pensions.—Messrs. J. Brinkerhoff, Russell, Asha, Joseph Morris, Robert Smith, Albert Smith, Nes, Cullom and Tilden.

Committee on Roads and Canals.—Messrs. Owen, Steenrod, White, McClay, Reding, Ficklin, Dickinson, Carroll and Frick.

Committee on Patents—Messrs. Harper, James Black, Russell, John Stewart and Severance.

Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds—Messrs Pratt, Leonard, Hudson, Wright and Winthrop.

Committee on Revisal of Unfinished Business—Messrs. E. R. Potter, Hubbell, Foster, Buffington and Emery D. Potter.

Committee on Accounts.—Messrs. McDowell, Taylor, Herrick, Wheaton and Rodney.

Committee on Mileage.—Messrs. Cobb, Ritter, Perley B. Johnson, Henley, and Newton.

Committee on the Expenditures of the State Department.—Messrs. Rogers, Blackwell, John T. Green, and William Wright.

Committee on Expenditures in the Treasury Department.—Messrs. Caldwell, Yost, Tilden, Anderson, and Ashe.

Committee on the Expenditures in the War Department.—Messrs. McIlvaine, Kennedy, Arrington, Grider, and Andrew Johnson.

Committee on Expenditures in the Navy Department.—Messrs. Dana, Kirkpatrick, Vanmeter, Buffington, and Bowlin.

Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department.—Messrs. Harper, David S. Reid, Thomas Smith, Jeremiah Brown, and Nes.

Committee on Expenditures on the Public Buildings—Messrs. Daniel P. King, Dawson, Taylor, Washington P. Hunt, and Ramsey.

Committee on the Library on the part of the House.—Messrs. Hudson, Mallory, and Mackey.

Mr. Payne was excused from serving on the committee of elections, and another ordered to be appointed in his place by the same member, (Mr. Beardsley, of New-York) who appointed the committee. A. V. Brown, of Tennessee, was subsequently appointed.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13.

Mr. Wentworth, of Illinois pronounced a eulogy on the late Senator McRoberts, of Illinois. The following was the concluding sentence:

"But, whilst Judge McRoberts was emphatically a great man, (though his greatness had not yet had so ample scope for development and extension as that of others,) he was indeed a good man, and entitled to the praise of the American flag, and the blessings of American law. After the profoundest research (as his speeches will show) he came to the conclusion that Oregon was ours, and consequently, ours by right. He then was for reclaiming it from British usurpation, and for extending over American citizens—the adventurous and deserving pioneers in American enterprise—the jurisdiction and the laws, the rights and privileges of the American Constitution; and, even though but little of Oregon was ours, over the whole, the flag should wave, and it become ours by possession, as it is by title.

[We learn from the Washington correspondents of various papers, that the introduction of the Oregon question on this occasion was considered improper. When we consider that the Oregon and *Texas* questions are linked together, the offensiveness of this allusion is greatly enhanced.]

Mr. Adams was at his request excused from serving on the committee on manufactures. [All the letters represent Mr. Adams as feeble and suffering; but they express the hope that his life is only in bad odd.]

The question of the right of the members from New Hampshire, Missouri, Mississipi, and Georgia, was referred to the committee of elections.

THURSDAY, Dec. 14.

As soon as the journal was read, Mr. J. Q. Adams rose and announced the death of his late colleague, Mr. Barker Barnell, in the following terms, viz:

At the second session of the twenty-seventh Congress, it became my painful duty, amidst the solemn labors and important deliberations of the House, to announce the decease of one of my then colleagues, a member of the House from the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The same melancholy event has now been ordered upon me again, and, at the very threshold of a new Congress, when every heart should bound with hope that legislation of the nation of has fallen into hands hostily inclined, and abundantly qualified, to promote the prosperity and promote the general welfare of this great community, the heart is saddened with the reflection that one of our number, among the most ardent, zealous, upright, and indefatigable co-operators with us for the accomplishment of that glorious purpose, the happiness of the people, has been taken from us in the midst of his useful and honorable career, cut down by the scythe of death.

I am to communicate to this House the demise of Barker Burnell, late an active and efficient member of the twenty-seventh Congress, and by the suffrages of an enlarged constituency, twenty-fifth, had it pleased the Omnipotent Disposer of events, to take an active, vigilant, and laborious part in the proceedings of the Congress now first assembled in these halls. Such has not been the will of Heaven. This Hall shall hear his voice no more.

He was a native of Nantucket, a small island of the ocean, appendant to the State of Massachusetts, long renowned as the cradle of a race of men, hardy, intellishel intercity, for perilous enterprise, for energy of exertion, and hardihood of endurance, unsurpassed by any other portion of the dwellers upon this terraqueous globe. Of this race, by birth and by kindred, by simple and simple language, the magnificent tribute of justice to the forefathers of the present age, nearly seventy years since pronounced by the most eloquent lips that ever gave utterance to human thought, the sublime Hebrew lyric of Edmund Burke upon the Nantucket whalemen of his age, has resounded in every corner of the earth where the English language is spoken or understood. It has stood, and will stand, as long as that language shall live in the memory of man so long as that language shall live to express the thoughts of the wise, the benevolent, and the free.

Sir, the Islanders of Nantucket, our ostemporaries, have not degenerated from the virtues of their fathers; and of that race of men Mr. Barnell was the worthy representative on this floor. Born and nurtured among the hardy mariners of his native town, and chosen by their voluntary, unbought suffrages, he reflected upon the deliberative councils of the nation the express image of their character. He had represented them before in both branches of the legislature of his native commonwealth. Those of us now present who held seats in this Hall at the last Congress, have seen and heard him here. Two years from last May he came, full of life, and hope, and vigorous energy, to serve his country as a trusty councillor, and faithfully did he fulfil that trust. So thought his constituents, who, with the increased numbers of consensial spirits on the adjoining continent, had, with a confidence unrivaled by any precedent, recommitted the charge of their interests to his hands.

To his hands, already enfeebled by that insidious disease which was hurrying him to the tomb! During a great part of the last session of Congress he was disabled for attendance in his seat, and at the close of that Congress he was left in the confinement of a sick chamber.

There, on the first of May last, I took leave of him, in the tender and affectionate nursing care of a partner worthy of himself, and to whom his life was more precious than her own. I left him with a yet lingerinr hope that we might yet meet again in these walls here again. That hope was doomed to disappointment; his dissolution was near at hand; and on the 15th of last June, he expired, far from his beloved native island, but with all the alleviations of domestic love and friendly kindness that could smooth the bed of death—

"By strangers honored, and by strangers mourn'd."

Mr. A. concluded by offering the customary resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

And then the House adjourned.

[We have afforded space for the whole of this beautiful tribute, because we had occasion to know, both by public and private evidence, that Mr. Burnell had been doing, and was doing, when his labors were arrested by the destroyer, a real deal for the exposure and correction of southern usurpation and encroachment. During the last session of the last Congress, though enfeebled by disease, he gave a brief but blasting rebuke to southern slavery at this northern shettom.]

FRIDAY, Dec. 15.

The rules and orders of the last House were adopted, including the infamous GAG for freemen.

Mr. Giddings, of Ohio, gave notice that when the rules came to be acted upon, he should move to annul the 22d rule (late the 21st, which prohibits the reception of abolition memorials,) by receiving all memorials except those which proposed the repeal of existing laws.

[If astonishing to a people who pride themselves valiant, and believe in fighting, have remained quiet nine years, with this horrid gag in their mouths. We have a letter from Washington, dated the 15th, which says: "The abolitionists are talking of calling the previous question, cut us off from amending, and the rules were adopted under the screw."]

Mr. J. R. Ingersoll introduced a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the committee of ways and means to inquire into the expediency of laying duties on tea and coffee.

SATURDAY, Dec. 16.

Mr. King, of Massachusetts, presented resolves of the legislature of that State against the annexation of Texas to the Union, referred to the committee on foreign affairs, and ordered printed.

Mr. Cushing presented a petition in favor of a copyright law; and on his motion, a select committee of nine was ordered, to which it was referred.

Mr. A. also presented a petition of citizens of New-York, for the speedy trial of the inhabitants of New-York from all connection with slavery. This was attempted to be suppressed under the 21st rule; and the Speaker so decided. Mr. A. insisted that it was not included under the rule, it asking neither for the abolition of slavery or the slave-trade in the United States, or in any of the States or territories, or the District of Columbia."

The Speaker. Does the gentleman from Massachusetts appeal from the decision of the chair?

Mr. Adams. No. I have had too much experience already to do that. [Laughter.]

Mr. A. insisted, however, that, according to the precedents of last session, he should be received.

A motion was made to adjourn, which cut off the question of the reception of this petition. It will of course come up again.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

Foreign.

IRELAND.

Mr. O'Connell moved that the following printed address be adopted by the association; that it be sent to all the repeal wardens in Ireland, and to the clergy on the late nomination; and that packages of it be transmitted to every city, town, and village in Ireland, to be posted therein, with injunctions to the repeal wardens to assist in carrying out what it recommends, at the risk of being struck off the lists.

TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

"Corn-Exchange Rooms, Nov. 11.

Fellow-countrymen,—I never felt half the anxiety which I do at present, to be faithful and true to you in the advice I give, and to have that advice implicitly obeyed.

The reason of this anxiety is, that if my advice be followed, the restoration of the Irish parliament will assuredly be obtained, and be obtained in a manner the most honorable to the religious and peaceful people of Ireland.

I earnestly call upon the repeal wardens to circulate my advice, and to be active in carrying it into effect. I most respectfully solicit the hearty co-operation of every patriot Irishman, to enforce my advice by their counsel and their venerated authority.

My advice, then, is this—I wish I could make it to combine the perfect peace, order and tranquility that now exist in every parish in Ireland; that there shall not be the smallest riot, tumult or violence; no public meeting, unless it be called by public advertisement, sanctioned by at least one magistrate of the county, except the meeting for the sole purpose of petitioning the queen and the parliament.

I want the most perfect quiet, peace and tranquility, until all these trials are over. No matter what the event of the prosecutions may be, I am thoroughly convinced that in any event they will tend to facilitate the obtaining of repeal; provided only, that the people preserve the condition of the most perfect peace during these trials. It will be easy to preserve tranquility after those trials shall—as they ought—have terminated successfully for the unjustly accused, in the verdict of every jury.

Nothing could possibly injure our cause before the court and jury half so much as any occurrence of tumult, riot or physical force of any kind whatsoever.

All loyal men, all true friends of Ireland, I implore, I beseech you, that no enemy of mine and of yours. Arrest every such man before the police.

Let there not be, I conjure you, the smallest disturbance. Any man who joins in any disturbance, I proclaim to be my personal enemy. If you be friends of mine, take my advice and be quiet, tranquil, peaceful. I adjure you, by tranquillity, in the name of your country. I adjure you to be tranquil in the name of the ever-adorable and living God.

I recollect that the principle upon which we have looked for the repeal of the union, is, that it can be obtained only by legal, peaceable, and constitutional means, and by the total absence of violence, force, and tumult.

Recollect, also, that I have devoted my political life, and that in which I have instructed the people of Ireland, is, that all the meliorations and improvements in political institutions can be obtained by persevering in a perfectly peaceable and legal course, and cannot be obtained by any forcible means; or, if they could be got by any forcible means, such means create more evils than they cure, and leave the country worse than they found it.

"The great experiment of improving Ireland by peace, if peaceable means, is what we have now in progress. We have hitherto, blessed be God, had all our efforts marked by perfect peace and tranquility. Let there be no disorder whatsoever, from peaceable and tranquil conduct. I want that everybody should remain in peace, and at home, during the coming trials, and until they are completely over. He is an enemy who would, by violence, prevent this. Recollect, also, that the principle of my political life, and that in which I have instructed the people of Ireland, is, that all the meliorations and improvements in political institutions can be obtained by persevering in a perfectly peaceable and legal course, and cannot be obtained by any forcible means; or, if they could be got by any forcible means, such means create more evils than they cure, and leave the country worse than they found it.

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I cannot conclude without once again adjuring the people everywhere, not to be irritated by any conduct or provocation whatsoever, or to act of whatever nature that event may be—but to continue calm, peaceable, tranquil, and loyal; and if this advice be followed, I anticipate and think, I cannot promise, that the result of these trials will be a verdict against the repeal cause.

But—attend to me—if there be, during the trials, the slightest outbreak of violence in any parish, it will be my duty immediately, to abandon the repeal cause, and to declare to the people, who, at such a critical period as the present, would not follow the advice I so earnestly give them.

I, however, have no fears that my counsel will be disregarded, I confidently expect that the people will not injure my cause, and the cause of Ireland, by disregarding my advice.

Be, therefore, calm, quiet, tranquil, peaceful, loyal. Violate no law of man—obey with devout reverence, the law of God.

You will thus mortify and disappoint your enemies. Those enemies speculate upon provoking you to some act of turbulence. Disappoint them—mortify them by the inflexible observance of quiet, of calmness, of peace and legal conduct.

Follow my counsel, and you thereby will serve the cause, and gratify the heart of

Your devoted friend,
DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The Rev. Mr. Tyrell (one of the traversers,) in seconding the motion, defended himself against the repealers generally, from the imputation, that while they preached peace they meant war. Such a thing it was impossible for Mr. O'Connell, as a Roman Catholic, to do, for him (Mr. Tyrell), a Roman Catholic priest, to sanction. (Hear.)

Motion agreed to.

Declaration of the Irish Catholic Bishops against a state provision for the Clergy.

The Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops of Ireland, now assembled at their annual conference in Dublin, have declared it their duty, for the third time within seven years, to publish a most decided declaration against a state provision for the clergy, in any form whatever. They have issued the following resolutions:

"At a general meeting of the archbishops and bishops of Ireland, held in the parochial house, Marlborough street, on the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th of January, 1837, the Most Rev. Dr. Murray in the chair, the following resolution was proposed and adopted—

Resolved, That the attempt that is now made during the approaching session of parliament, to make a *state provision* for the Roman Catholic clergy of Ireland, we deem it our imperative duty to separate without recording the expression of our strongest reprobation of any such attempt, and of our unalterable determination to resist, by every means in our power, a measure so fraught with mischief to the religious peace and purity of the Catholic religion in Ireland."

At a general meeting of the archbishops and bishops of Ireland, held in the Presbytery House, Malborough street, on the 29th day of November, 1841, the Most Rev. Dr. McFhale in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"That his Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Murry, be requested to call a general special meeting of the prelates of all Ireland, in case he shall have clear proof or well grounded apprehension that the odious and alarming scheme of a state provision for the Catholic clergy of this portion of the empire, be contemplated by the government before our next general meeting."

At a meeting of the Catholic archbishops and bishops of Ireland, held in *Dublin on the 15th of November*, 1843, the Most Rev. Dr. M'Hale in the chair, it was proposed by the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, and seconded by the Most Rev. Dr. Slattery, and unanimously resolved—

"That the preceding resolutions be now republished, in order to make known to our faithful clergy and people, and to all others concerned, that our firm determination on this subject, remains unchanged; and that we unanimously pledge ourselves to resist, by every influence we possess, every attempt that may be made, to make any such provision for the Catholic clergy, in whatever shape or form it may be offered."

Corn Laws.—The success of the anti-corn law party in London, has been followed up by another in Kendal; and their candidate was prosecuting a vigorous contest in Salisbury. The corn-law journals are in evident alarm, and the views of their condition is, that they are not know what to advise, or how to stem the current of political adversity so strongly setting in upon them.

Municipal elections have lately been held throughout Scotland, and have gone against the ministry.

Fire in Sweden.—The town of Wexoe, in Sweden, which was scarcely yet rebuilt after the dreadful conflagration of 1838, has again been completely destroyed by fire. Fourteen hundred families had lost their all, and were without shelter. The king, upon being informed of the disaster, had immediately despatched one of his aides de-camp, with $30,000 from his private purse, and promises of farther relief.

More Royal Visiting.—The Duke and Duchess de Nemours, are in England, making a visit to Queen Victoria, at Windsor. They proposed remaining until the 27th of November, when they would go to Brussels, on a visit to King Leopold. The London papers were in raptures at the invitation from Louis Phillippe to Queen Victoria, to visit the former at St. Cloud, next summer, and that, if the invitation is not accepted, the French king will come to Windsor.

MEXICO.

It is stated that Santa Anna has been re-elected president. The president was still at *Manga de Clavo*, preferring paid a visit of a few days to the city of Vera Cruz.

The papers comment freely on the subject of the prohibitory tariff, and the law forbidding foreigners to carry on trade or commerce in the republic. Most of them defend this exclusive policy, except the *Courrier Francais*, which declares openly, and independently against it.

In order to effect the rapid colonization of the province of Tamaulipas, Santa Anna has recently made a grant to a German, Mr. de Gros, of a very considerable quantity of unclaimed land, in that department, that is to say, in parcelled out and settled according to the law of 1824; on condition that within ten years, 10,000 Belgian, German, or Swiss families shall settle in the province.

A circumstance which, though apparently trivial, may exert a serious influence upon the future destiny of Mexico, inasmuch as it proves that the germ of discontent is deeply seated in the minds of the people, is the revolt of the Indians in many districts—that in the north of Lower California. It is said that this revolution is directed by an individual, named Candara, and that it has already led to a great slaughter. The governor of Sonora, has been authorized to raise new forces to maintain his authority throughout the department.

Ignacio Alas, minister of the general treasury, died on the morning of the 10th.

[The letter assigned by an intelligent friend, lately from Mexico, for the restriction on the *retail trade*, is that foreigners, chiefly French, by their intimate connections at home, were enabled to import cheap, undersell the native traders, and drive them from the business.]

British Naval Movement.—The Halifax Times of the 23d of November, states that Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adams, departed from the port with a fleet on the 26th, for Mexico, and remarks that the business the fleet is concerned in, is of deep importance. Some old difficulties are likely to arise, as well as the more recent cause shown to the British flag, at a party where the British minister was present; and what is probably more grievous than all the rest, the restriction tariff of Santa Anna proves injurious to British trade.

Affairs of Yucatan.—The Congress of this State adjourned on the 15th of November after having definitely determined to leave the settlement of terms with Mexico, to the governor. There seems to be no doubt that domestic peace, so far as *this province* is concerned, will be restored to Mexico. The late Governor Barbachano, on retiring, issued an address, warmly recommending peace. He says:

"War is in strife with the civilization of the age in which we live, and its first ravages ought to be resisted, because such is required by humanity and philosophy. I advise you to prefer peace."

The commissioners for conducting the convention, were to return immediately to Mexico.

HAYTI.

By dates from Port-au-Prince to 23d November, it appears that the constituent assembly were still discussing the constitution. They were occupied with the questions of the principles, rights, and duties of the Haytien nation. Africans and Indians are to enjoy all the rights of citizens. Africans and Indians are to be admitted as citizens, after one year's residence. By the latter arrival we learn that the new constitution had not been adopted.

A new rumor comes by this arrival. It is stated that the Haytien government has received overtures from Great Britain for certain cessions of territory, for which England offers as a consideration, to redeem the French claims for indemnity against the island, taking in return the bonds of Hayti.

[Wonder whether Captain Tyler will try an experiment upon our national jealousy of Great Britain this time?]

MONTEVEDIO.

We have news that the city is blockaded by the *French*. It was previously blockaded by Admiral Brown, of the Buenos Ayrean navy.

INDIA.

A revolution has taken place in the Punjaub. Dhyan Sing, the prime minister, proved the assassination of the Great Rajah, and was himself assassinated the same day. The heirs are a brother of the late Rajah, who is idiotic, and a young widow, who is not of a character to take the government. It is supposed that the Afghans will try to seize the province, but that it must ultimately come into the hands of the British.

General Items.

The Hon. *Smith Thompson*, one of the two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, died on the 18th inst. by cut in pieces with his axes. He was a bright and learned judge. We fear much from the successor which Tyler may appoint. There are now a majority of slave judges on the bench.

Further Outrages in Philadelphia.—On Sunday last, two bloody battles were fought by the fire companies of Kensington, armed with sharpened hatchets, clubs, bricks, glass-ware, and "small axes." Several were severely cut, bruised, and had bones broken. The carriage of the Weencoe hose company, worth some $1500, was cut to pieces with the hatchets and small axes. The Weencoe, a numerous and powerful company, have vowed vengeance. Surely a city where such things continue, and which is almost every week deepening its disgrace by the blood spilled with slavery-like violence, needs a Stephen S. Foster, "whether they will hear, or whether they will forhear."

Resuscitation by Cold Water.—At St. Louis, a young woman, a Jewess, was borne to the grave-yard to be buried; but according to Jewish custom, was carried out of the house, and placed there three hours in preparation for interment by the women, by taking off her clothes, and washing the body with cold water. By the application of the water, she was restored to life. So much for *hydropathy*.

Adam Horn, alias Andrew Hellman.—This hardened criminal, who was convicted at Baltimore of murdering his wife, is to be executed on the 12th of January.—While his trial was in progress, a messenger from the Governor of Ohio arrived, to demand him, as the man who is having there murdered and cut up a former wife.—Hellman was born in Germany, and his awful crimes seem to be attributable first to a singular general depravity, and secondly to a hatred and contempt of women.

Great Mail Robbery.—The Albany mail for New-York was robbed at or near Hudson, on Thursday night of last week before last. The amount stolen was, so far as has been ascertained, $60,000. This loss falls upon banks, and other moneyed institutions of this city. The losses of individuals have not been ascertained, but are supposed not to be large. The mail bags were found ripped open, and flung into the river at Hudson. One Hough, who has been long employed by the mail contractors, has been arrested as the robber. Circumstances are strongly against him. Most of the money has been recovered.

Another Great Robbery.—A trunk, belonging to Adams & Co's express, was stolen from a steamboat at this city, a few days ago. It contained a vast amount of money. No trace of the criminal has been discovered

Great Depravity.—The Rev. *H. C. Taylor*, editor of the Oberlin Evangelist, has been detected in divers thefts and embezzlements of money, and in a seduction and procuring of an abortion.

Another Community.—A Mr. Smolinker, an Illyrian, formerly professor at Clazenfurth, in connection with a small company, chiefly German, has purchased 10,000 acres of land on Hickory Creek, Warren county, Pa. The company are now making the settlement of doing it by work, and by ploughing, by *water power*. The machinery was not sufficiently stout, and the first trial was on that account unsuccessful; but success is expected by substituting iron in the parts broken.—Mr. S. manifested in this country only to realize his grand idea of extirpating poverty, crime, and misery, especially all war and contention, through the construction of a new and harmonious order of society, based on unity of interests, perfect justice, and all-embracing love. His society is called the 'Peace-Union.'

Steamboat Explosion.—The *Warren* exploded at Freeport, on the Alleghany river, just as she was backing out. Twelve persons were injured, five so badly that they are not expected to survive Four have died

An effort is to be made this winter to procure an appropriation for making a *canal round the Sault St. Marie*, so that vessels may pass between the lower lakes and the Superior. This seems very desirable. The executive has recommended this improvement to Congress.

Duellists Convicted.—In England, Lieut. Munroe, and the seconds, Grant, Holland, and Cuddy, have been found guilty of murder in the first degree, and surgeon Gulliver, in the second degree, for killing in a duel, Lieut. Col. Fawcet, of the British army.

Incendiaries.—An atrocious and most malignant system of incendiarism, has been organized in the vicinity of Boston. Rockport, Charleston, Roxbury, and Dorchester, have been the principal scenes of their operations. One or two barns and a farm-house, belonging to John Wellington, situated in Dorchester, have been consumed one after another. The Quincy Patriot states, "that many of the inhabitants have been a prey to unceasing vigils for fifteen or twenty nights."

Texas.—Resolutions declaring Texas already, and ever since the purchase of Louisiana, a part of the United States, and under the constitution, to admission into the Union, as soon as the number of its inhabitants is sufficient, have been passed by the legislature of South Carolina. Similar resolutions are before the Georgia legislature.

Matthews and Babe, are now taking their trial in this city, for murder and piracy on board the Lavinia, last July, off Long Island. There seems no doubt that they will be convicted.

Republicans.—A meeting of these, was called at Natchez, Mississippi, on the 9th instant, to make arrangements for a great and general glorification, on account of their late triumph. The bell rung the signal, but only *three* rallied.

The Infamous 21st Rule.—The vile, unconstitutional, and anti-democratic rule of Congress, by which abolition petitions are excluded, will probably soon be rescinded.

The question came up on Tuesday, and was lost by a vote of 91 to 95. We are happy to see among the names, that of the three democratic representatives from Maine, namely:

Robert P. Dunlap,
Joshua Herrick,
Hannibal Hamlin.

In the name of the freemen of all parties in the State—in the name of right and justice—we heartily thank them for this proof of their devotion to the people. They will be remembered for it.

We hope this matter will be again brought up, and that no quiet will be allowed to Congress, until they have wiped off this relic of barbarism from the records of the house.—*Portland (Dem.) American*

REFORM IN THE CREEK NATION.—The Creeks have passed a law expelling all white men from the limits of the nation, who play at cards, whether they have Indian wives or not.

Rev. Wm. Ware, the accomplished author of Zenobia, and letters from Palmyra, has accepted the call of the Unitarian Society in New Orleans, and has become their pastor. This is the society over which the late Rev. David Damon was pastor.

PLANK ROADS.—It is proposed to construct a plank road from *Rome to Oswego*, about 50 miles. Such roads have been found economical and excellent in Canada.

Gipsies.—It is generally known that these strange creatures are found wandering over nearly every portion of the globe. Their ancient origin is shrouded in the same obscurity where, and is well understood by the general reader. None have ever visited this country till the present season. A few weeks since a tribe of Gipsies, seven in number, arrived in Baltimore. They came from Bohemia. They play on various musical instruments, and perform many strange and grotesque gymnastic feats. One black-eyed beauty, a girl of eighteen, is a *fortune-teller*, and amazes the credulous with her wonderful revelations.

NOTICES.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR.

The Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society will open their ninth annual sale of useful and fancy articles, in the Assembly Building, corner of Tenth and Chestnut streets, on the evening of the 2nd instant, at 7 o'clock.

FEMALE ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society, held December 14th, 1843, at the Hall of the Wilbur Fisk Institute, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Stephen S. Foster was violently ejected from a religious meeting of the Society of Friends, held in this city, on Sunday last, because he was known to be an anti-slavery man, and a formidable enemy of all oppression; therefore,

Resolved, That while we express no opinion in regard to the course pursued by him, we earnestly protest against the attack as a violation of the principles of that Society, a sad but decisive evidence of the deterioration of its anti-slavery character, and a scandal upon our common Christianity.

Resolved, That the above be published in the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and the National Anti-Slavery Standard.

ANNA M. HOPPER, Secretary.

ABOLITIONISTS OF WINDHAM COUNTY.

You are, one and all, earnestly requested to attend the Windham County Anti-Slavery Society Meeting, in Plainfield, on Tuesday, the 2d day of January next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

In behalf of bleeding humanity, I would beseech you to let no trifling obstacle deter you from the meeting—but let the new year bear witness to an increased devotion to the cause of the oppressed.

JAMES B. WHITCOMB, Secretary.

Brooklyn, Dec. 16th, 1843.

WESTERN NEW-YORK ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR.

We invite the attention of the public to the second Anti-Slavery Fair, to be held by the Rochester Ladies' Society, to be held 22d of

Poetry.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE.*

TRANSLATED FROM HEBEL'S GERMAN POEMS.

Dost thou not know what Christmas is, my dear,
That brings such pretty gifts each year?
Sit on the footstool, close beside me,
And then of Christmas I will tell thee.

It is an angel, who from Heaven comes,
To bless and comfort all the little ones.
God sent the spirit from his own bright skies,
With tender heart, and very loving eyes.
She watches little children night and day,
And she protects them while they sleep or play;
Her soft wing covers them when in the bed,
And 'tis her breath that makes their cheeks grow red;
She carries them through life in her fond heart,
Smiles when they meet, and weeps when e'er they part;
When summer comes, she gathers them sweet flowers,
And rich fruit ripened in the sunny hours;
When short cold winter days arrive once more,
And hills and plains with snow are mantled o'er,
'Tis her kind hand prepares the Christmas tree,
And covers it with gifts full cheerfully.

Guess who it is so good and mild,
So gentle to each little child?
I'll tell thee—it came from God, above,
And the spirit's name is Mother's Love.

Now let us through the village go,
Just to peep at the Christmas show—
I'm sure the loaded trees will prove
How busy is a mother's love.

In this first house, they have a foolish joy
To load their darlings with each sugared toy;
It seems as if the Christmas boughs would break,
With stores of candy, sugar-plums, and cake.
That mother does not guide her children well—
I doubt much whether they have learned to spell.
She gives them everything for which they ask,
And never urges an unwelcome task;
She hopes to make their life all fair and bright;
'Tis not the way—she does not manage right.
The time will come when she will ask, in tears,
"Are these my thanks for all my love and fears?"
And her ungrateful children will reply,
"We were not taught our passions to deny."

Her neighbor's house is quite a different sight—
All things are quiet, orderly, and bright.
The Christmas tree presents a charming view,
Of ripe, brown pears, and wholesome walnuts, too;
A work-basket, and neat pin-case within—
(I hope and pray it don't contain a pin.)
Here is a prudent mother, wise and good,
Who skillfully restrains her little brood.
She loves to see them happy at their play,
But early teaches them they must obey.
She lifts a warning finger to her child,
And says, in tones that are both firm and mild,
"Dost thou not know, my naughty lass,
That mother has a rod behind the glass?"
This family will bless maternal love,
And try through life their gratitude to prove.

Here is a house quite full of little ones—
No Christmas tree bears nuts or sugar-plums!
This mother eats rich cakes and fruit each day,
And leaves the children to their noisy play;
She is too indolent to do them good—
They daily grow more quarrelsome and rude.
Her eldest daughter in the doorway stands,
With tangled hair, and unwashed face and hands.
No mother's love here spreads the Christmas tree,
Ons, ne'er, never, may I see another
Such a wicked, careless, selfish mother.

To this little hut pray come with me,
And see what hangs on the Christmas tree.
Plenty of dark green boughs I spy—
But what is on the branches high?
One withered apple here is seen,
A few dried walnuts hang between.
This mother's heart is good, I'm sure—
All things look neat, but very poor.
Fondly the Christmas tree she spread,
But cannot give her children bread.
'Tis love for them that makes her weep,
As she rocks her little babe to sleep.
Poor woman! pritbee dry thine eyes—
Thou hast a Father in the skies.
For thy little brood indulge no fears,
Though the angel nurses them with tears;
A prudent mother's careful love
Is always blest by God above.
Full many a man now wise and great,
Has shared thy children's hapless fate;
And some, perhaps, had not, like thee,
One apple on the Christmas tree.

* In Europe, it is customary to decorate the house with a large evergreen tree, on which presents are suspended for each member of the family. The little children think Christmas comes, in person, to place these gifts on the Christmas Tree.

THE CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The bells—the bells—the Christmas bells,
How merrily they ring!
As if they felt the joy they tell
To every human thing.
The silvery tones, o'er vale and hill,
Are swelling soft and clear,
As, wave on wave, the tide of sound
Fills the bright atmosphere.

The bells—the merry Christmas bells,
They're ringing in the morn!
They ring, when in the eastern sky
The golden light is born;
They ring, as sunshine tips the hills,
And gilds the village spire—
When, through the sky, the sovereign sun
Rolls his full orb of fire.

The Christmas bells—the Christmas bells,
How merrily they ring!
To weary hearts a pulse of joy,
A kindlier life they bring.
The poor man on his couch of straw,
The rich, on downy bed,
Hail the glad sounds, as voices sweet
Of angels overhead.

The bells—the silvery Christmas bells,
O'er many a mile they sound!
And household tones are answering them
In thousand homes around.
Voices of childhood, blithe and shrill,
With youth's strong accents blend,
And manhood's deep and earnest tones
With woman's praise ascend.

The bells—the solemn Christmas bells,
They're calling us to prayer;
And hark, the voice of worshippers
Floats on the morning air.
Anthems of noblest praise there'll be,
And glorious hymns to-day.
The Deuse loud—and Gloria!
Come, to the church—away.

Call God thy Father; yet not thine alone;
For thou art but one of many; thy brotherhood is with all. [Proverbial Philosophy.

Miscellany.

A FOOL OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY.

FROM THE GERMAN OF ZSCHOKKE.

(Continued.)

THE FEAST.

Because of Olivier's liking for the old Romans and the Homerick Greeks, I was troubled, on my return to the castle, as to his dinner. For, to infer from his cap, beard, and appearance in other respects, I could hardly do otherwise than expect a deportment at table which would be highly uncomfortable to me—that I should be obliged to take my soup, either stretched out in the Roman fashion, upon couches, or tailor-wise, and in good Oriental fashion, with my legs crossed under each other.

The amiable baroness met us, and conducted us into the dining-room. My anxiety was removed as soon as I caught sight of the European tables and chairs. The guests soon arrived; they were the maid, the servant, and the secretary of the baron. An active young chambermaid remained without a seat, and waited on us. Olivier, at the feasts of the patriarchs. The baron, before we sat down, briefly said grace. Then began the work of mastication. The food was excellently prepared, but in a simple style. I remarked that, except the wine, all the dishes were in readiness on the table when I entered, and the neighboring sea; and all the foreign spices were wanting, even pepper, in the place of which there were salt, cinnamon, and fennel.

The conversation was quiet, but sociable, and related chiefly to the affairs, and the events of the immediate neighborhood. The people behaved themselves in the presence of their master, neither bashfully nor immodestly, but with great circumspection. I seemed to myself among these good-looking people, who, with their cheerly and respectful *thou*, I must say it, somewhat odd and ludicrous; and I sat there, with my powdered head, stiff pigtail, French frock, and smooth chin—there, in the midst of Europe—as if in a strange world. It pleased me that I was different as I was. Olivier, and as often as between the *thou's*, especially when speaking with the baroness, I slipped in a *You*, yet no one burst into a laugh.

After a half hour the servants left us, and we then protracted our meal, under the influence of the old golden Rhine wine, grew unreserved in conversation.

"I perceive," said the baroness, laughing, while she placed before me a choice bit of pastry "that the minutest in Elysia the Hamburg or Berlin cooking."

"And I perceive, my amiable friend, that the praise—so much deserved—of Elysian cooking, is due from me, which I can pay at the cost of the Berlin and Hamburg kitchens, without being obliged to borrow any flattery. No, I have learned for the first time in my life, how luxurious a feast can be dished up from our domestic products, and how easily we may dispense with the Moluccas."

"And the Norfolk," said Olivier, "and with the Moluccas, the torture of the nerves, and those foreign vices which spring from irritated or exhausted nerves in a sickly body."

"Without healthy flesh and blood,
Neither mind nor heart are good."

"The most of European cooks at this day self-murderers—murderers of soul and of body—by means of cookery. What your Rousseaus and Pestalozzis correct, you destroy again with coffee, tea, pepper, nutmegs, and cinnamon. Live simply, live naturally, and your hundreds of governments, books of morals, houses of correction, and apothecaries, might be spared."

"I grant it," said I, "but that was long since settled; yet—then,"

"Yet—then," cried he, "even in that consists the irredeemable foolishness of the Europeans. They know the better way, and avoid it; they abominate the worse, and pursue it. They poison their meats and drink with dear poisons, and keep doctors, and apothecaries, to restore them to health, in order to renew the poisoning. They find pleasure in their idleness in their young men and maidens, and afterwards mourn inconsolably over their unquenchable impulses. They incite, by means of laws and rewards, the ambition of nations, and then punish it with the gibbet and sword. Are they not altogether like idiots?"

"Present Olivier, that has been so from a[illegible]
"Yes, Norbert, from the earliest times—that is, as soon, and as often, as men passed a single step from Nature towards barbarism. Nature—she should be warned by the sufferings of our ancestors, to be not only as wise, but more wise than they. Otherwise, of what use is knowledge? Him I regard as the wisest man, who, to the innocence and purity of a child of Nature, joins the manifold knowledge and endowments of age. Dost thou concede this?"

"Why should I not?

"Well, thou dost grant this; yet thou makest not even a beginning of improvement in thy house and inward state."

"That is still probable in certain circumstances. Meanwhile, let me tell thee, Olivier, that we artificial men, as well as the more simple men of Nature, are bound by the same brotherly bonds of custom. Our facilitious being becomes itself a kind of Art. Nature, which cannot suddenly be laid aside with impunity."

"Formerly I thought the same, Norbert. I have been perplexed in my country by experience. It costs only a single heavy moment—a strong heart; the first struggle against the frenzy of mankind will break through all to happiness and quiet. I hesitated long: I contended long in vain. A mere accident decided me, and decided my own fortune and the fortune of my chosen friends."

[Olivier here describes the thoughtfulness induced by a book, which satirized modern customs, under the allegory of travels in Thule.]

He continues, "When I had read the fragment, I threw the book from me, reclined my head back upon the grass, stared up into the dark blue of the eternal heavens—up into the deep of the shoreless universe, and thought, and deliberated upon—all imbued with love and glory—of the eternity of mankind; and in this moment of elevated conception, understood much better many words of Christ—of him the Revealer of the divine relations of our spirit. 'In my Father's house there are many mansions,' or 'unless you become as little children.' &c. 'Whosoever will be my disciples, let him deny the foolishness of this world, and take up my Cross willingly.' And I never saw the divinity of Christ more clearly than then. I thought of the degeneracy of men, who, from century to century, have removed further from the truth, simplicity, and happiness of Nature, to a brutal, sensual, foolish, and painful life. I flew back in thought to the dawn of time, to the earliest people, to the simple wisdom and the lofty ancients. I sighed, the tears came into my eyes, and I was again in my fancy a child of God. Wherefore can I not feel truly, think truly, speak, act truly, as did Jesus Christ? Can I not break the chains of custom? Which but stupid prejudice forbids me from being a reasonable, godly man, among deliberate and perverse barbarians? I said this. In my imagination I was one already. I closed my eyes. I felt an unspeakable happiness in being free from the tormenting sensibility of the world, again to be reconciled, and at one with God, Nature, the Universe, and Eternity. So I lay a long while; then, as I opened my eyes, the sun had gone down, and the glow of evening suffused and gilded all things."

"I recognize this holy state," exclaimed the baroness.

"Then I rose up, in order to return to the city," continued Olivier; "I discovered my uniform—it went through me like a flash. Loathsome lay the world in all its falseness, in all its nonsense before me; never had I seen more clearly than at that moment, the frightful departure of mankind from the Eternal, the True, and the Holy. I perceived how Socrates, had he lived at this day, would once more have been obliged to drink the poisoned cup; that Christ would have found in every city, even in Jerusalem—would have been led to the Cross by Christian sects unanimously, and would have been condemned by princes, as an enemy to the good old ways, as a seducer of the people, as an enthusiast. I shuddered. Then I asked myself on the way, 'Hast thou courage?' A firm resolution seized me. I answered with a loud voice, 'I have courage. It shall be. I will live rationally, come what may!'"

"The next morning, after I had a bracing sleep, and quite forgotten all that I had thought of the previous evening, this book again came under my eyes. I remembered my determination. I saw the perilousness of my daring. I wavered. Still I was compelled to acknowledge the truth of my yesterday's conviction. 'Whoever would be my disciple, must forsake all,' &c. I thought over my domestic and public relations. The rich young man in the gospel, who seemed sorrowful at the words of Christ, occurred to me. Then I asked myself again, 'Hast thou courage?' And with a louder voice, answered, 'I will have it.' And so I determined from that hour, to live rationally, in the least as well as in the greatest things. The first step taken, the scorn of the world is not thought of, and each subsequent step becomes easier."

"I honor thee, thou noble enthusiast," cried I, grasping his hand, "but wilt thou not tell me the issue of thy daring?"

"Wherefore not? But such things must take place in the open air, under the broad sky, beneath the shadow of trees, in the sight of the wide world," said Olivier; for, dear Norbert, in a room, between partitions and walls, many things seem rational which, in open Nature, when the soul loses itself in the broad pure all, appear quite fanciful and dreamlike. In deep and outdoors, in the presence of God's creation, where the Eternal and the True stand forever, that many things are perfectly right, which between the walls of a dwelling-house full of conventionalities, or within the walls of a philosophical lecture-room, or solitary chamber, a dithering spectre, a gorgeous parlor, appear as an extravagant silliness, an enthusiasm, or idiotcy. Come, then, into the open air."

He took me by the arm. The baroness went to her children, Olivier led me through the garden to a little hill, where we reclined in the shadow of a wall. Above us, in the broad atmosphere, swung the tender branches of the birch: below us rolled the sparkling waves of the eternal ocean.

OLIVIER'S NARRATIVE.

"Fate favored me very much even at my first coming to reason. My father, whose property had been scattered by prodigal expenditure, left me on his death a scanty inheritance. But I had a prospect, after the decease of my uncle, of becoming a good deal richer in the course of a few years, by my ryhody. On that account, I had been betrothed to the Baroness of Mooser, the daughter of the president of the exchequer. She was one of the most eligible matches in the country, as they used to say, because pretty, young, and the niece of the late war-minister. The marriage having been concerted by my relations and old uncle, I was compelled, according to custom, to agree to it. But the sickness of my uncle, who stood to me in place of a father, caused the betrothment to be kept secret. I was already major, and by the next promotion would become lieutenant-colonel. In a few years a regiment would not have been wanting to me.

"So stood matters at that time; and I soon found, after my recovery from that fever, that I was not the most agreeable. It was an uncomfortable thought, that I, a free man, should, through my relatives, couple myself to a girl, for the sake of money, rank, and protection, without knowing her peculiarities, her habits, and inclinations. The baroness was, as it must be confessed, pretty and good, but nothing more than any young lady might be under the same training; well-disposed by nature, but, through an artificial education, vain, pleasure-loving, trivial, proud, and ready to faint for her beauty; and witty at the expense of the best people in the world; in all things more French than German. Whether she truly loved me or not, I did not know; but that I cared no more for her, than for any other well-formed and pretty woman, I did know.

"A letter, by a messenger, bade me go to my sick uncle. I got permission from the general, took leave of my betrothed and her parents, and rode off. When I arrived, my uncle was already dead and buried. Relations, friends, and neighbors, were busy in the closets, and the will. I counted off the little legacies to the servants, let the steward into my secret, and openly declared myself poor, all the means of my uncle being covered with debts.

"I returned to the garrison, and made known my story. I did it to try the disposition of my betrothed, whether she had the courage to remain by my side in the world, and become what I was. To make the story more striking, I sold what I did not need, to pay my debts, in the city, and in the country, and new, there was a small amount. My companions laughed at me, and, particularly when I gave out that I intended to be an honest man. Even the president of the exchequer and his spouse, dissuaded me from the *folly*. Only my betrothed *blamed* myself and them—I would make myself and them a *ridicule, &c.*

"I stuck to my notion: honor is more than splendor, and poverty is no disgrace. He only is rich who want much, is rich. These *sows*, as they were termed, pleased the baroness least of all. Her parents, who had been accustomed to certain *assurances*, and that they were not rich enough during their lifetime to give me and their daughter an outfit. Finally, after a few days, they treated me implicitly in my tenderness, that I would willingly release the engagement, but not hesitate to do it, and to declare that I thought I got off cheaply, since no mutual choice of hearts, but only an agreement and money reckoning among relatives, had been made.

"My assumed poverty, had other effects of a good kind—namely, that old friends and jolly comrades did not look after me so much. Still it pleased me, that some continued to hold me in esteem. But the most unexpected result was, that I found with my money, I had lost, in their eyes, my highest attractions, or, much the better,' thought I; 'thou canst act and speak more sincerely.'

"But I was no more fortunate with truth—and this was the foreseen—with men who have reached me. For some winters, I had been accustomed to deliver lectures to the officers on scientific subjects. I continued the occupation, and uttered my sentiments freely. But when I came to lay down the following principles, that every one of us was bound to be taken for the independence and safety of our country against foreign invaders, but for the personal whims of a prince, intrigues of ministers, the ambition of the court, in order to conquer, to mix in the affairs of foreign nations, or for the sake of revenge, was unjust; that standing armies were the plague of the land, the ruin of the finances, the ready slaves of despotism, when the prince would become a despot; that the soldier should be a citizen; that a hereditary and irrevocable military, was a wicked nonsense, which could only be tolerated among savages and barbarians; that I hoped to live to see the time when all the kings of Europe would agree by concordat to disband their immense standing armies, and on the spot make of their soldiers of all countries capable of bearing arms; that duels belonged to the house of correction, or the insane asylum: when, I say, I introduced these propositions, and others like them, and defended their correctness, of which no sane human being could doubt, the lectures were prohibited, and the general gave me a severe reprimand. I answered back again, and was put under arrest.

"That did not disturb me, for I all along expected it. Above all things, I performed my duty. Since I had fallen out of the favor of the general, even the best officers began to withdraw from me. They laughed and jested at my expense. Some of the wittiest insisted that I was crazy, and thought it a misfortune for the whole. I must have received from my hopes being disappointed as to a large inheritance. I was soon so much neglected, that even my former servants would remain with me no longer, because I supported them and myself upon slender means. Many of my old friends took me, and instead of former rich liveries, caused them to wear a simple, neat garb, such as fortunately thou seest me in now.

"On the other hand, about the same time, I received a letter which made another era for all. At some time ago, found a poor beggar-girl, weeping near the barn of a farm-house. In the barn, her ragged mother lay dying upon the hay. I learned from the dying woman, who was still young, that she was from Southern Germany, of poor, but respectable parents, had been in the service of a rich lord, where she was seduced by the son of the house, who gave her a piece of money, and sent her away; that, after her delivery, she had sought employment, but could find none; that she could procure no milk where, for any length of time; was always distressed, had lately lived upon alms, and could now only pray for her daughter. I ran into the peasant's house, to buy her some refreshments, for the peasant was from Southern Germany, of poor, but respectable parents, had been in the service of a rich lord, where she was seduced by the son of the house, who gave her a piece of money, and sent her away; that, after her delivery, she had sought employment, but could find none; that she could procure no milk where, for any length of time; was always distressed, had lately lived upon alms, and could now only pray for her daughter. I ran into the peasant's house, to buy her some refreshments, for the peasant was from Southern Germany, of poor, but respectable parents, had been in the service of a rich lord, where she was seduced by the son of the house, who gave her a piece of money, and sent her away; that, after her delivery, she had sought employment, but could find none; that she could procure no milk where, for any length of time; was always distressed, had lately lived upon alms, and could now only pray for her daughter. I ran into the peasant's house, to buy her some refreshments, for the peasant

"Why should I tell thee of the foolish things which men, infected with prejudices, began to do, as soon as I determined to live as an honest, natural man, simply according to truth, banishing all duplicity, all dancing-master politeness, all foreign airs, all the so-called etiquette of conduct, without, on the other hand, depriving men of the sight of a respectful and intelligent deportment? My simple Thou, with which I began to accost them, and to cause them to accost me, frightened many away from me, as though I were smitten with plague-spots. My beard became an object of wit; my friendly salutation, without ceremoniously taking off the hat in the streets, was called rudeness. I did not suffer myself to be put out. At some time or other the ice must be broken. I wished to see, whether the world would be allowed in the nineteenth century, in a European city, to live, throwing away all humbugs, and all the prescribed notions of honor, manners, justice, and respectability. So far from offending one by an ill-habit, by a breach of the prejudices or whims, by moral peculiarities a reproach, I was more complaisant towards them; I sought out men, from whom I differed as much externally as I did already in my inward being, in order to conciliate them by goodness and kindness.

"I betook myself to my estate here in Elysia: I found delight on it, in becoming known and served by my dependents. They were then half wild; they were slaves. They cringed in the most slavish manner before their master. None of them could read or write; they were lazy and indecent. To be idle, to guzzle, to fight, seemed to be their heaven. Superstition was their religion, a deadly, godless sanctimony their observance of it, and despotism and brutality their precepts. I determined to make men out of these brutes. I caused the prisons to be improved, and a great school-house to be built; I and Amelia visited every hut; they were mere mud-stalls. I commanded, under heavy punishments, the strictest purity. Whoever was not obey, was put into gaol; on the other hand, to the obedient I gave, by way of encouragement, tables, glasses, chairs, and other household furniture. Soon everything in the houses was well arranged and clean. I caused card-playing, dancing, drinking, lying, cursing, and swearing, &c. &c. Whoever failed was chastised, and those that obeyed, and for one month gave no cause for censure, I suffered to become bond-servants. I gave the old parson an annual stipend, as his own, and therewith an excellent young man, who soon entered into my plans, in place of the former; appointed a person skilled in various knowledge, and educated in Switzerland, by Pestalozzi, as schoolmaster, with a good salary; and with him, and the old parson, I held these, perfect dismissal. I myself kept a school twice a week, composed of the larger boys and young men; Amelia took the girls; and the wife of the pastor the matrons. I caused all the children to be clothed at my own expense, as also herself. To avoid the expense also, Amelia changed the ill-shaped dresses of the maidens.

"The school and prison worked well. The young men, at my solicitation, suffered their beards to grow. They made it to me a slavish custom, not being allowed to wear beards; slaves must go shorn. I opened the door to freedom. Whoever, after my directions, cultivated his fields the best, received it at the end of the year, for a small but easily redeemed bond-fee, as his own, and therewith certain privileges. Whoever, for two years was the most frugal, diligent, and skilful, obtained his freedom, his own house, an outfit in money, an honorable dress, modelled after my own, and might submit to the test, whether he could be elected into the council of elders. Every year, on Christmas day, I had the freemen beside me to decide the cases of those who had erred. The assessor of the judgment was chosen by the freemen themselves, from out of their own number.

"Whilst I was busy troubling myself very little about the outward world, the world troubled itself the more about me. Quite unexpectedly, there appeared one day, by ministerial command, brought about by my relations, an extraordinary commission, to inquire into the state of my health and property. They had reported me to be crazy, and that I squandered my property in the most frantic methods. The gentlemen of the commission became very much astonished for several months. What report they rendered, I don't know; probably, as it got to put money into their hands, not the most favorable. For, without regard to my trouble or my threats of vengeance, they treated me as a lunatic, and appointed me of my relations, a curator. The curator of my estate was sent down, who was at the same time to watch my conduct, and to prevent the intrusions of visitors. Fortunately, the administrator was an honest, well-informed man, so that we soon came to an understanding. I showed him through my accounts, the good man was astonished at my rigid economy, and was of opinion, that by means of this, and the redemption money paid by the bond-servants and slaves, I should get more than I lost. For a long while, he assisted me in the attempt to humanize my slaves. It suggested one good thing to him, viz: that the emancipated, for the space of five years, could remain in the service of their receips and expenditures, in order to assure themselves that they were not growing worse, or becoming more indolent. The good man, in the end, was quite enamored with our Elysian household, when he saw that, under our well-directed management, nothing was done in vain. Before the end of years of my being there, the peasants of our community had distinguished themselves above the whole neighborhood, for thrift, knowledge, and respectability. Like called, in other places, the Moravian brethren and even to the towns and the neighboring villages they believe that we have adopted a new religion.

"The administrator and guardian found my notions of the world, in the end, not enormously correct. He even went so far as to wish that I would generally would return to greater simplicity and truthfulness in manners, conduct, and life. But he could not stand the beard; he stuck for life and death to the wig and the cloud of powder on the hair; the Thou was quite offensive to him, and he could not, to Amelia and me, in spite of all his efforts, bring it over his lips. Meanwhile, his report about me—after the administration of one year, and after he had made to the government the most favorable disclosures as to my sound management of my property—had the happy effect of restoring me to the control of my own affairs, under a condition, however, that I should render a yearly account of my doings, to the king and my relatives. They would not be persuaded that I had not lost a great deal of sound human understanding, although my former guardian at the worst had made me out only a wonderful queer fellow. So, on that account, and that I might give offence to no one by means of my new error, namely, my free unrestrained and clever nature and reason sanctioned, I was forbidden, without special permission, from going out of the boundaries of my estate, *i. e.* from visiting the great world, Paris, London, &c., and allowed to know of it only from the newspapers. That could profit me little.

"It is now five years I have dwelt here in my blessed solitude. Go out, consider my fields, and the fields of our farmers, our forests, our flocks, and our dwelling-places! Thou shalt see a rural society, though before unknown, prosperity. All my slaves are free. Only a single drunkard, and another lazy, rough churl, seemed to be unimproved. The drunkard died. The other could not be corrected either by rewards or punishments. But as all grew to the beards, and he and the pastor alone were clear-chinned, it wrought a most wonderful effect upon the fellow; for the pastor was moved to let his beard grow, so that the slave became the only shorn one of the lot. He couldn't endure that, and so improved himself, that he might be respected among respectable people.

"The beard of the good pastor gave great offense to the consistory. Although he proved that beard was not against the true faith; although he united to mind the holy men of both the Old and New Testament; although he showed that he, by making himself like his equals, could do more good, and Luther by means of it had changed one deemed utterly irreclaimable, the beard gave offense to the consistorial body. After my pastor adduced the evidence of a physician, that the toothache, under which he had always suffered, was put a stop to by the wearing of the beard, he was allowed to provide for his own health, and not only with linen brushes.

"I not only instituted courts among my free people, but gave them the right to choose an overseer or governor, immediately from themselves, as they pleased. From time to time the more noted among them ate at my table, with their wives. I was their equal. Similarity of dress kept confidence, without diminishing respect. Children were required to stand up before older people, and uncover their heads, but not to uncover before their equals. Every manifestation of deceit was ranked as a crime no less than theft. The people judged themselves more strictly than I had formerly done. I had often to moderate their decisions. Our schools are flourishing. The upper boys learn the history of the world, a knowledge of the earth, with its countries and people, geometry, and something of architecture. In the churches, we have already choral hymning and worship.

"But, dear Norbert, better that thou stayest one week with us, and see for thyself; canst thou while away a week?"

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